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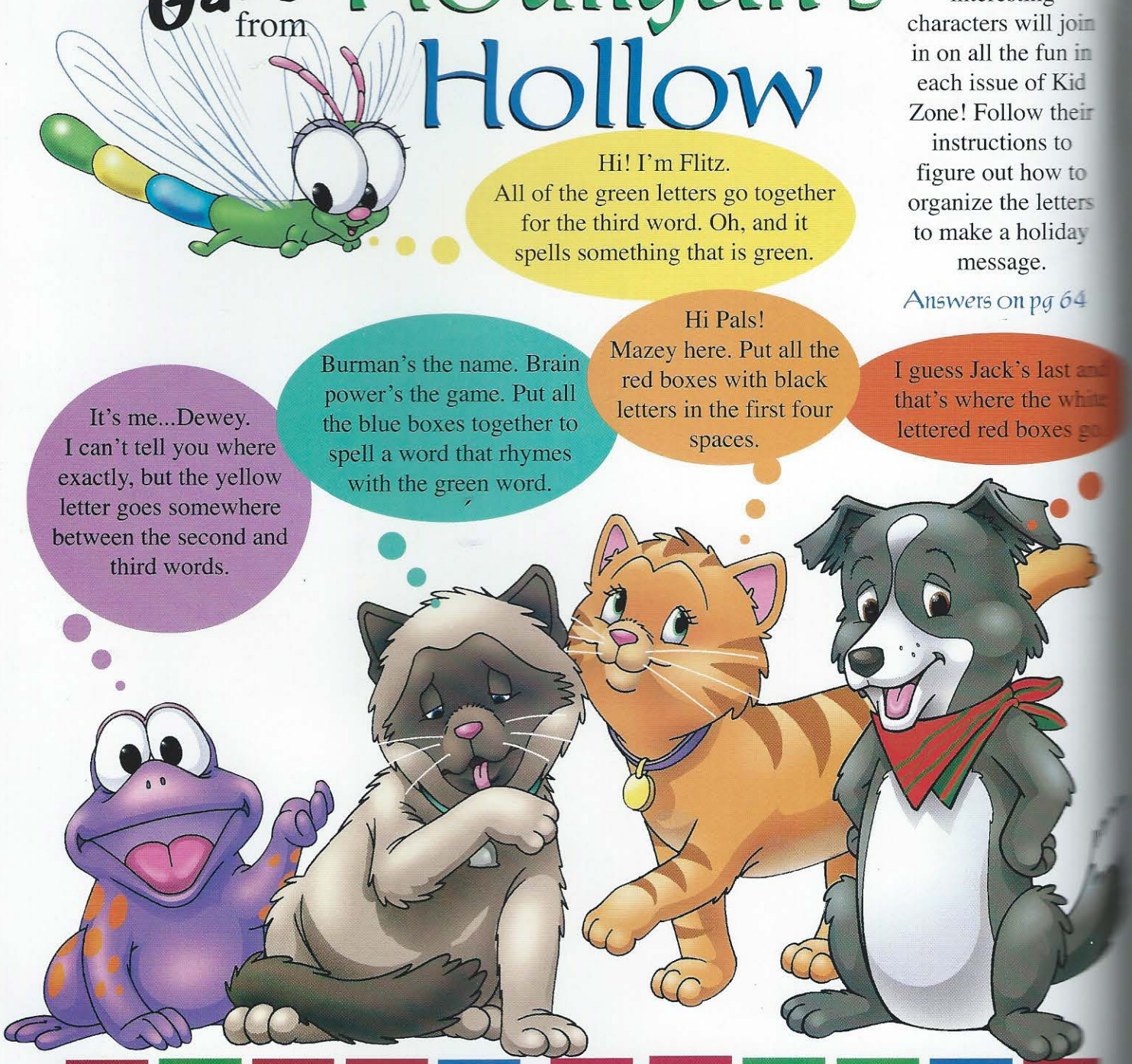

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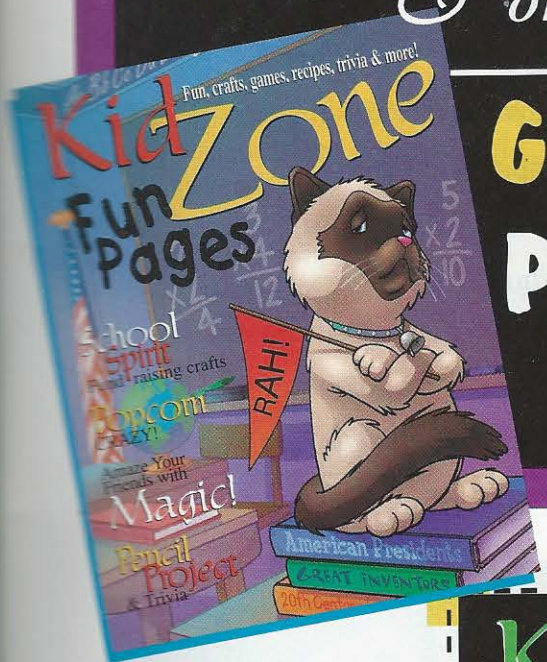

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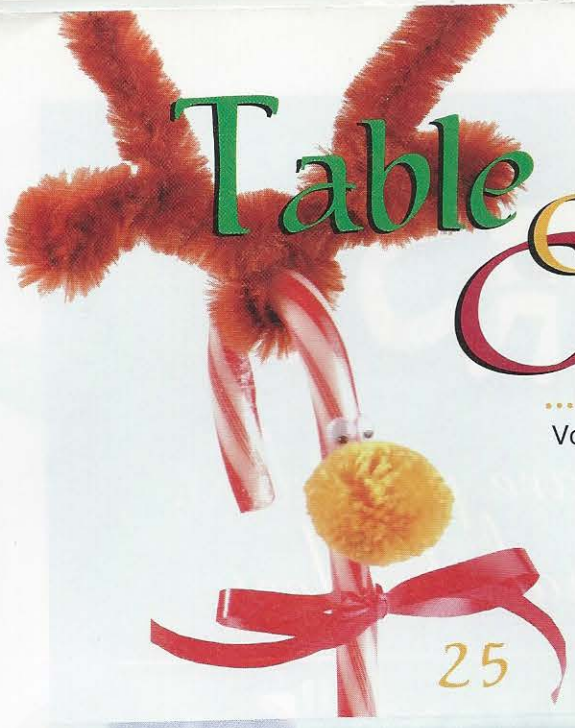

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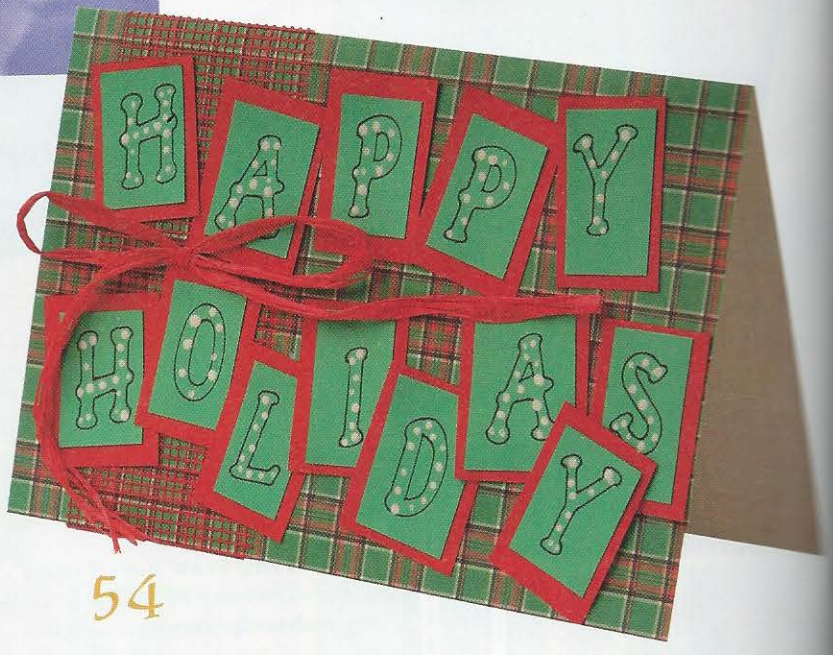

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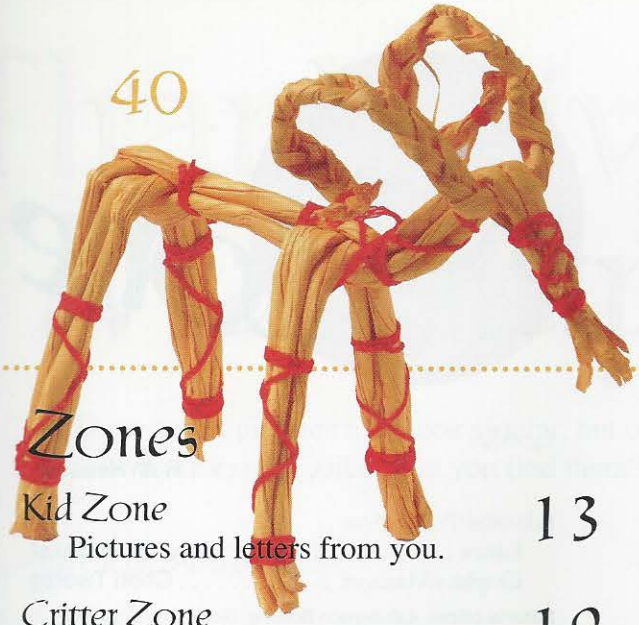

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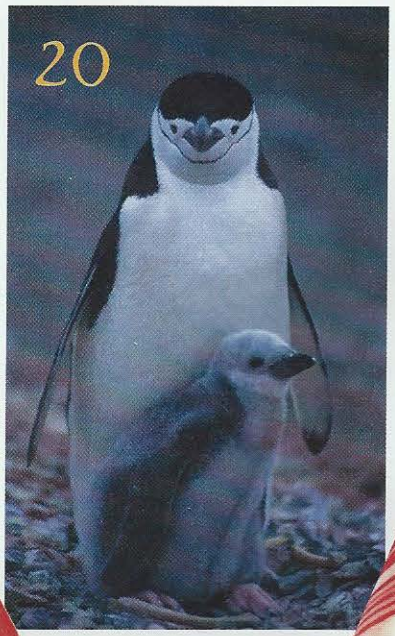

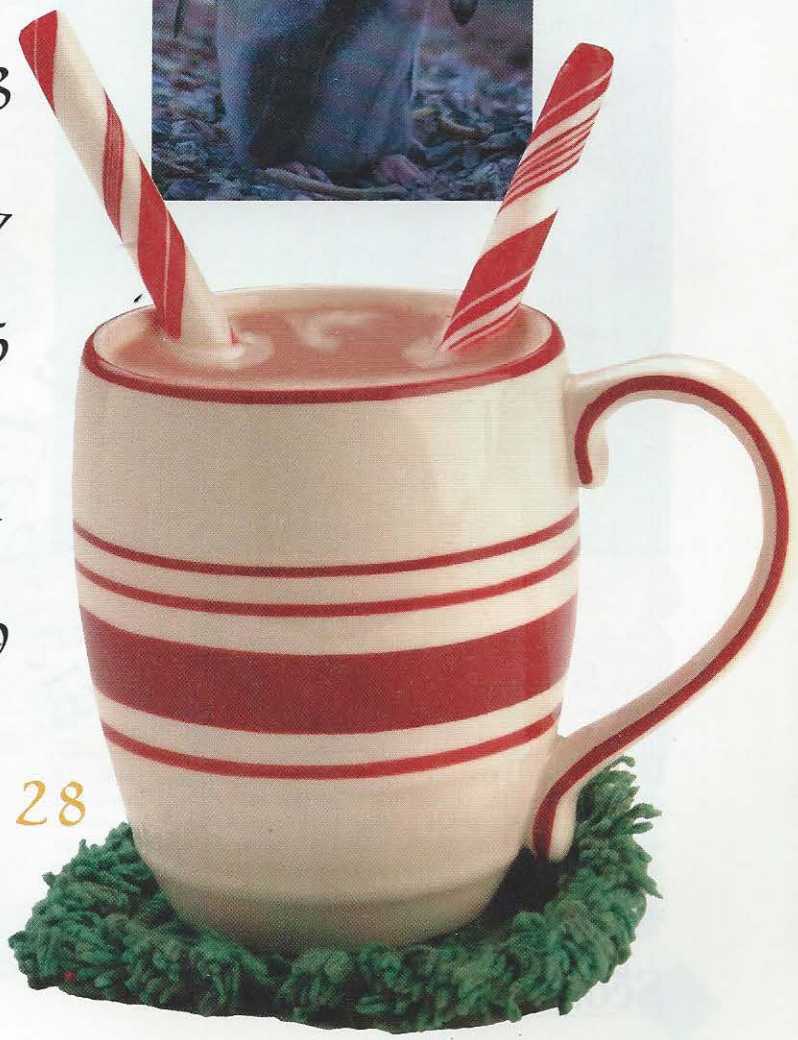

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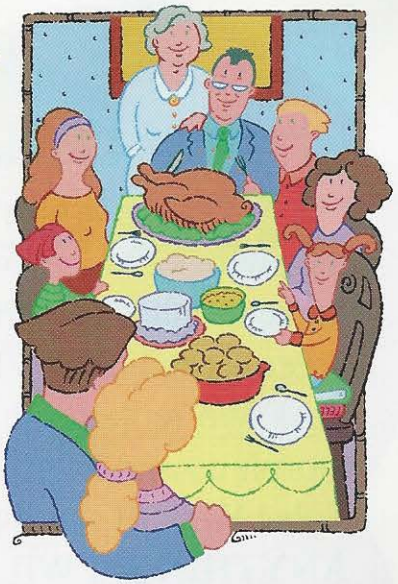

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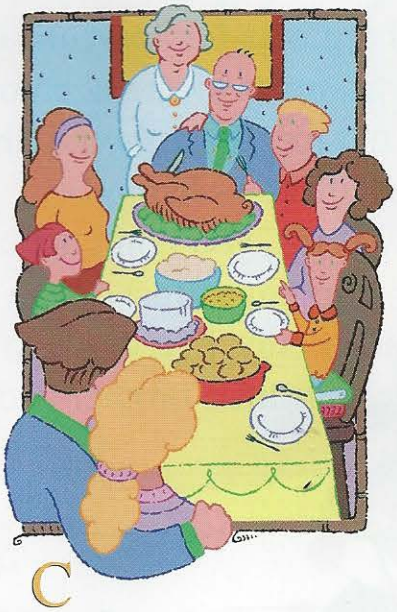

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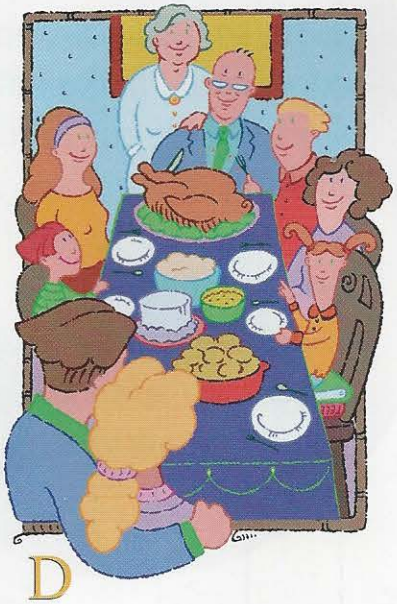

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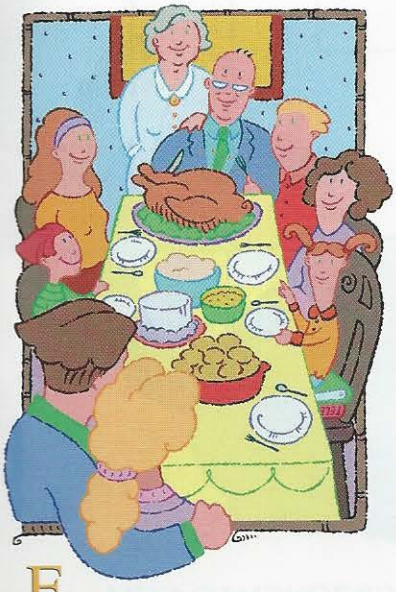

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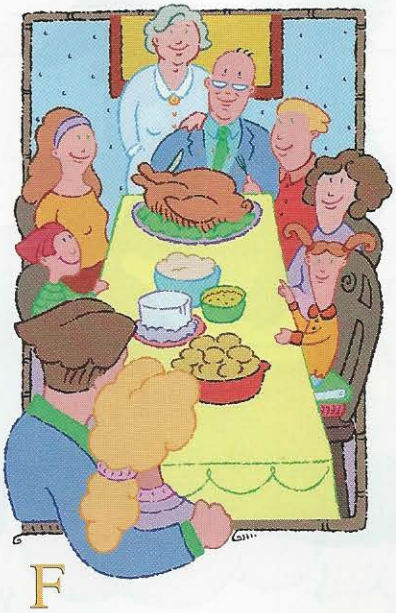

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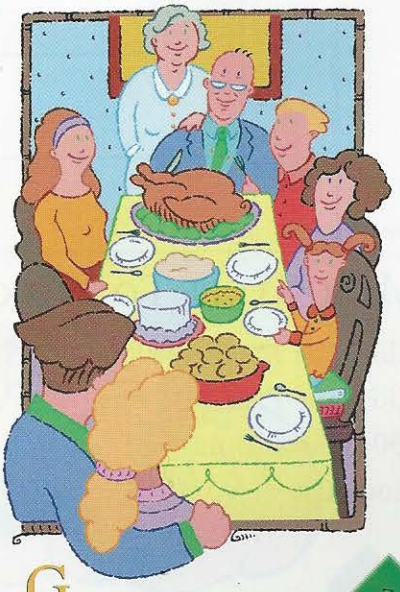

Happy Holidays!

You know how it is—they put all the holiday stuff out before the swim suits are even off the rack. This is just to torture us...to make us start thinking about getting stuff. Turning us into gross, green, greedy, "GIVE-ME" monsters! What is wrong with them??

We're better than that aren't we? We aren't going to let them morph us into horrible beasts that only think of ourselves! We will fight! We will stand up against them! We will say, "I DON'T WANT ANYTHING! I WILL ONLY THINK OF OTHERS!" We are going to make gifts, do something nice for someone else, decorate with cool crafts, make delicious treats to share, enjoy reading holiday stories with our family and forget all about ourselves. Because, making others happy will make us happy!

(If you're a little worried, you don't actually have to say you don't want anything for Christmas. Just do the rest of the stuff and watch yourself in the mirror once in a while. If you start turning green...do something for your little brother and the greedy monster should disappear.)

Jack

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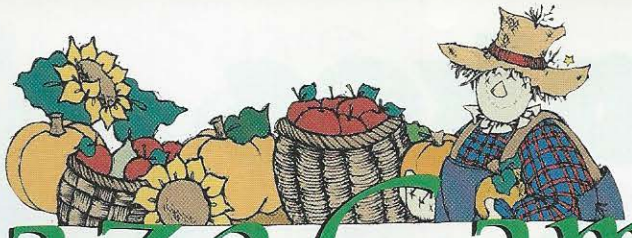

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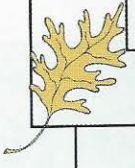

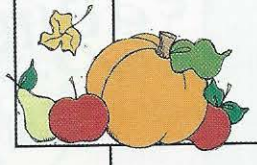

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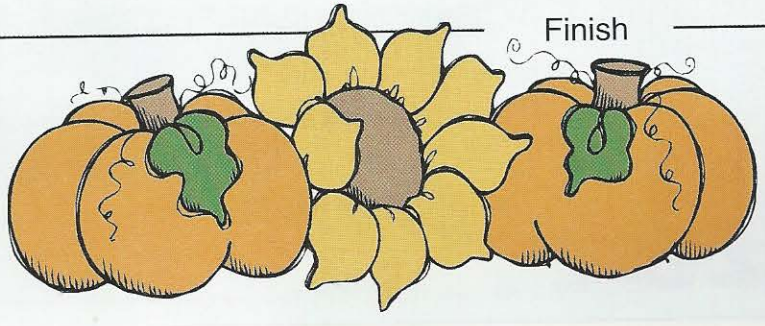

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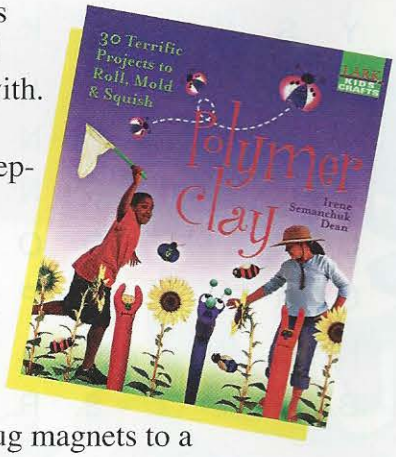

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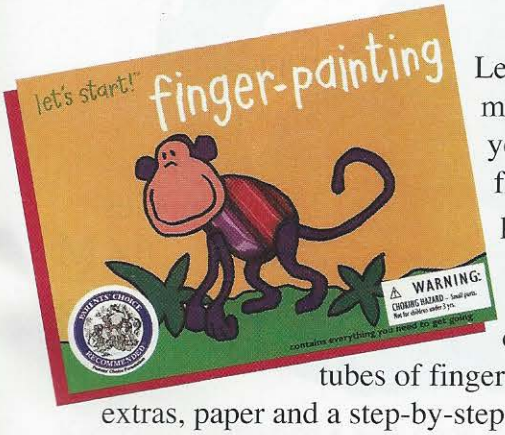

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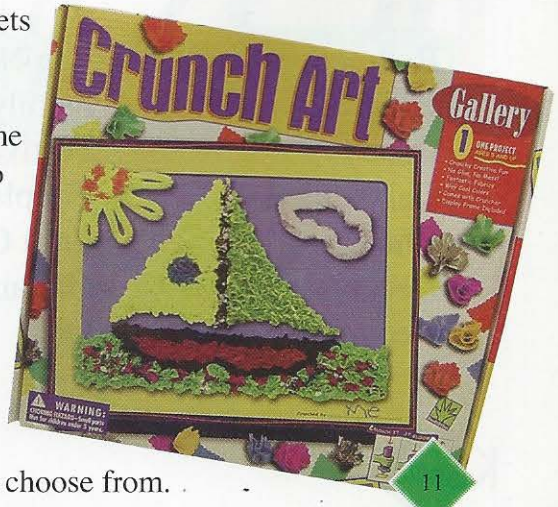

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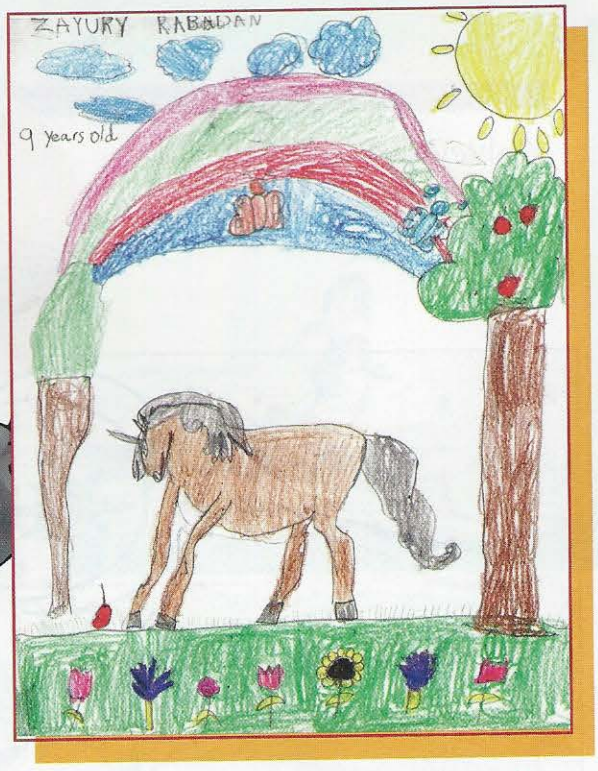
Good Boys and Girls found here! At least good artists. If you guys are as "good" at doing your chores, minding your parents, holding back when you want to yank your sister's hair out and finishing your homework, you're a shoe-in to make it on Santa's "good" list. You better get a bigger stocking! Make more room around the tree! You guys are GOOD!



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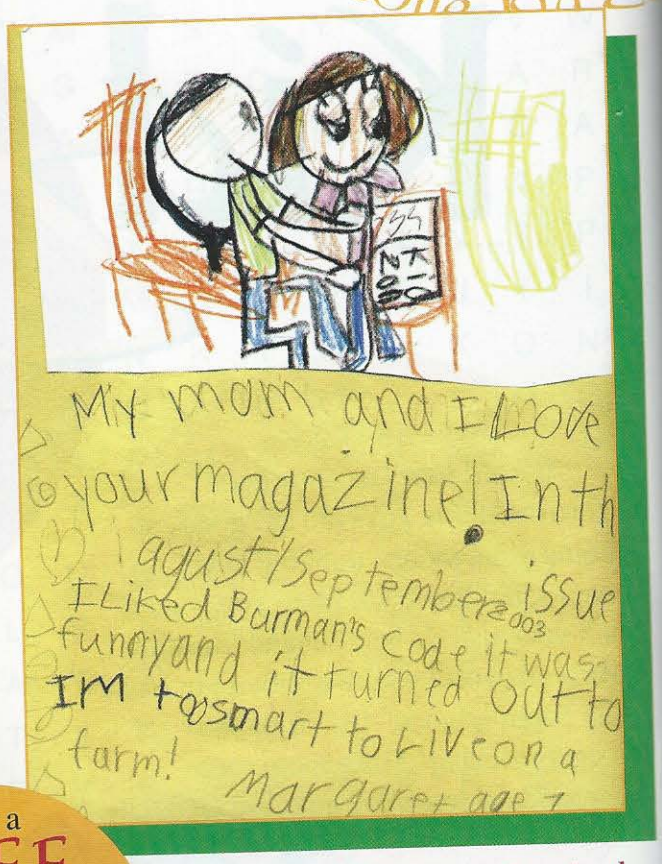
My mom and I love your magazine! In the August/September 2003 issue I liked Burman's Code it was funny and it turned out to be IM too smart to live on a farm!
Margaret age 7

Margaret Gayford
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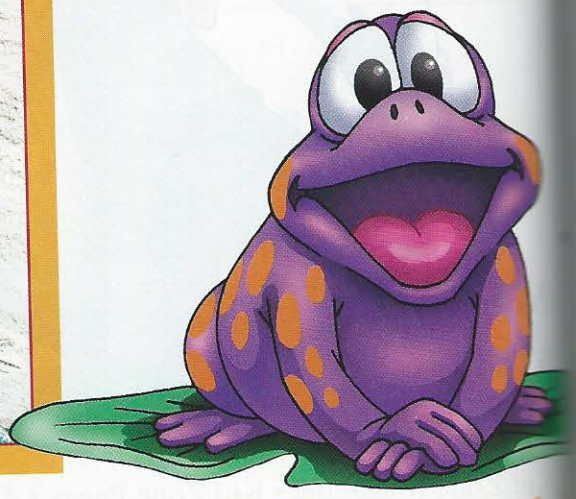

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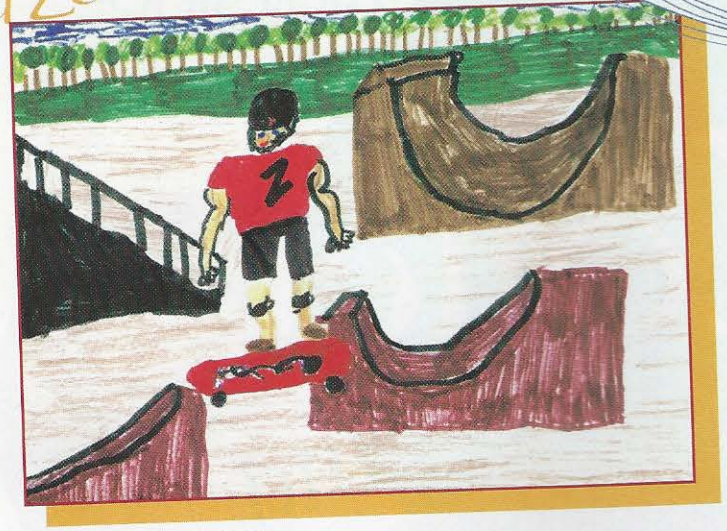

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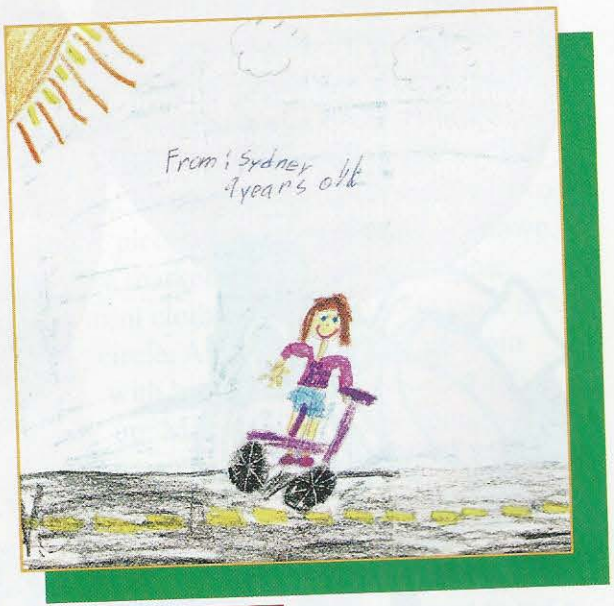


Ann E. Ferris
10 yrs. old
APO, AE

Do you see me? That's me! I like pictures of ME! I'm going to hang this one on my log!

Jessica Vincoll
8 yrs. old
Kennesaw, GA

Info Zone

Thanksgiving

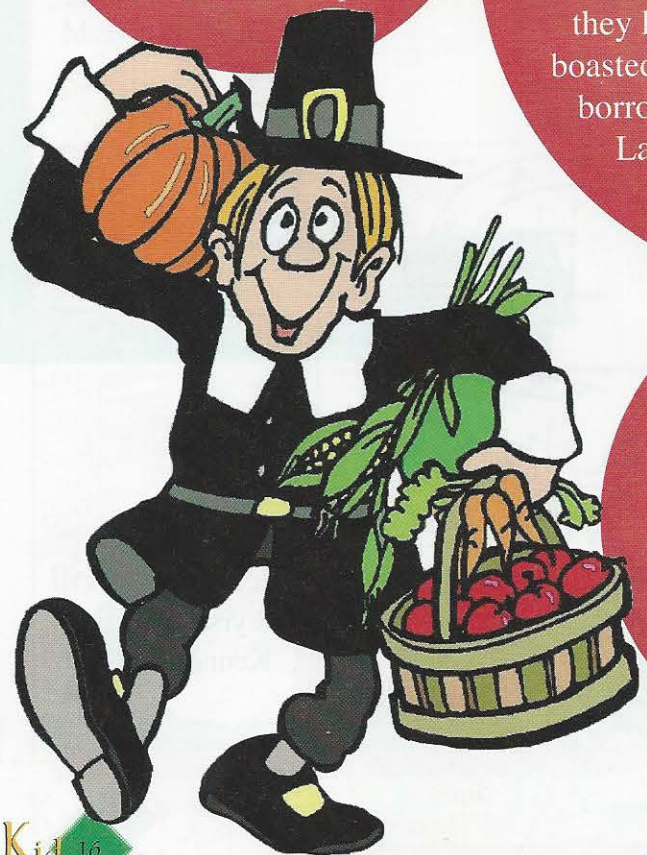
We've tracked down the **facts** on everything you could possibly want to know about...

Hard Work...

Children in 1600s New England had to work hard. Their chores included fetching water from brooks or springs, gathering firewood, herding animals and helping parents cook, clean and harvest crops.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade...

This famous parade actually stems from a European tradition. In the 1920's many of Macy's department store employees were immigrants and wanted to celebrate the American holiday with the type of festival they loved in Europe. The first parade boasted floats, bands and 25 live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo. Large balloons first appeared in 1927 with Felix the Cat.



Turkey Tradition...

"The turkey is a much more respectable bird and a true original native of North America," remarked Benjamin Franklin. He was in favor of making the turkey the national bird instead of the bald eagle.

Before you gobble your dinner, make these gobblers

What's that smell?

Pilgrim children and adults probably only took baths a few times a year. They thought bathing was unhealthy.

Playtime...

Even though Pilgrim children worked very hard, they also had time for play. They probably played marbles, board games, ball games and running games.

Dress Code?

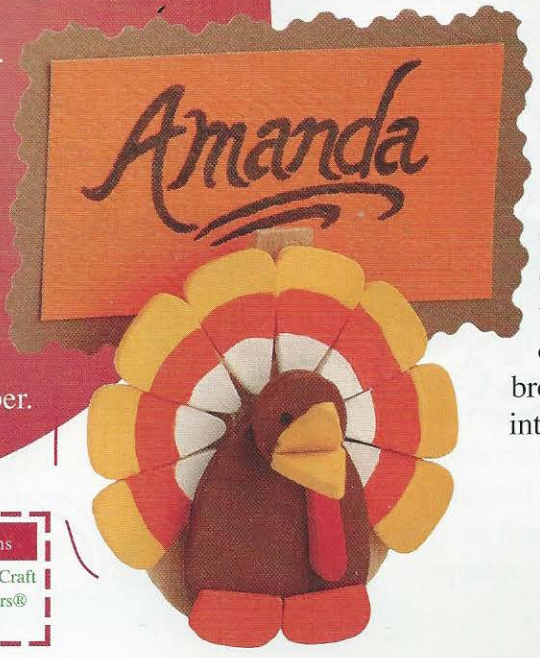
Both boys and girls in 1600s England and New England wore gowns until they were about 7 years old.

History of Thanksgiving...

George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. Later President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of a day of thanksgiving. It was Sarah Josepha Hale whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. After 40 years of campaigning and writing editorials, Hales obsession became a reality when in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. The date has been changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who moved it back one week in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season, but public uproar caused the President to move it back two years later. In 1941 Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the fourth Thursday in November.

Materials Needed:
Wooden pieces: One large 1⅛" circle, two small 3/8" circles, ten small 3/8"h candy corn, two medium 3/4"h eggs. One 3½" craft pick. One 1¾" mini clothespin. Rippled patterned paper edgers. Cardstock: orange, brown. Acrylic paint: brown, red, white, orange, yellow. Misc: craft glue, paintbrush, craft snip, scissors, fine tip black marker, ruler.

Make it: Snip 1/4" from rounded end of two candy corn wooden pieces for feet. Save pointed ends for beak. For wattle, cut 1/2" from rounded end of craft pick. Stack and glue two small circles together for head, and two eggs together for body. Glue head to body as shown. Paint head/body brown. Paint the eight candy corn shapes: tip-white, center-orange, top-yellow. Paint feet orange and wattle red. Set turkey body onto large circle and arrange candy corn "feathers"around top of body with tips butting against body. Glue all in place. Glue feet and wattle to body. Glue together two beak pieces to bottom of head as shown. Use marker to draw dot eyes. Glue mini clothespin vertically to back of circle. Align bottom of clothespin with bottom of turkey so it stands up. Making place card: Using paper edgers, cut a 1½"x2½" piece of brown cardstock. Use scissors to cut a 1"x 2" square piece of orange cardstock and write name on card. Glue to brown card. Clip into clothespin.



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Singing Snowmen Matchup

These seven pictures may appear to be the same, but only two are exactly alike. Can you find them?

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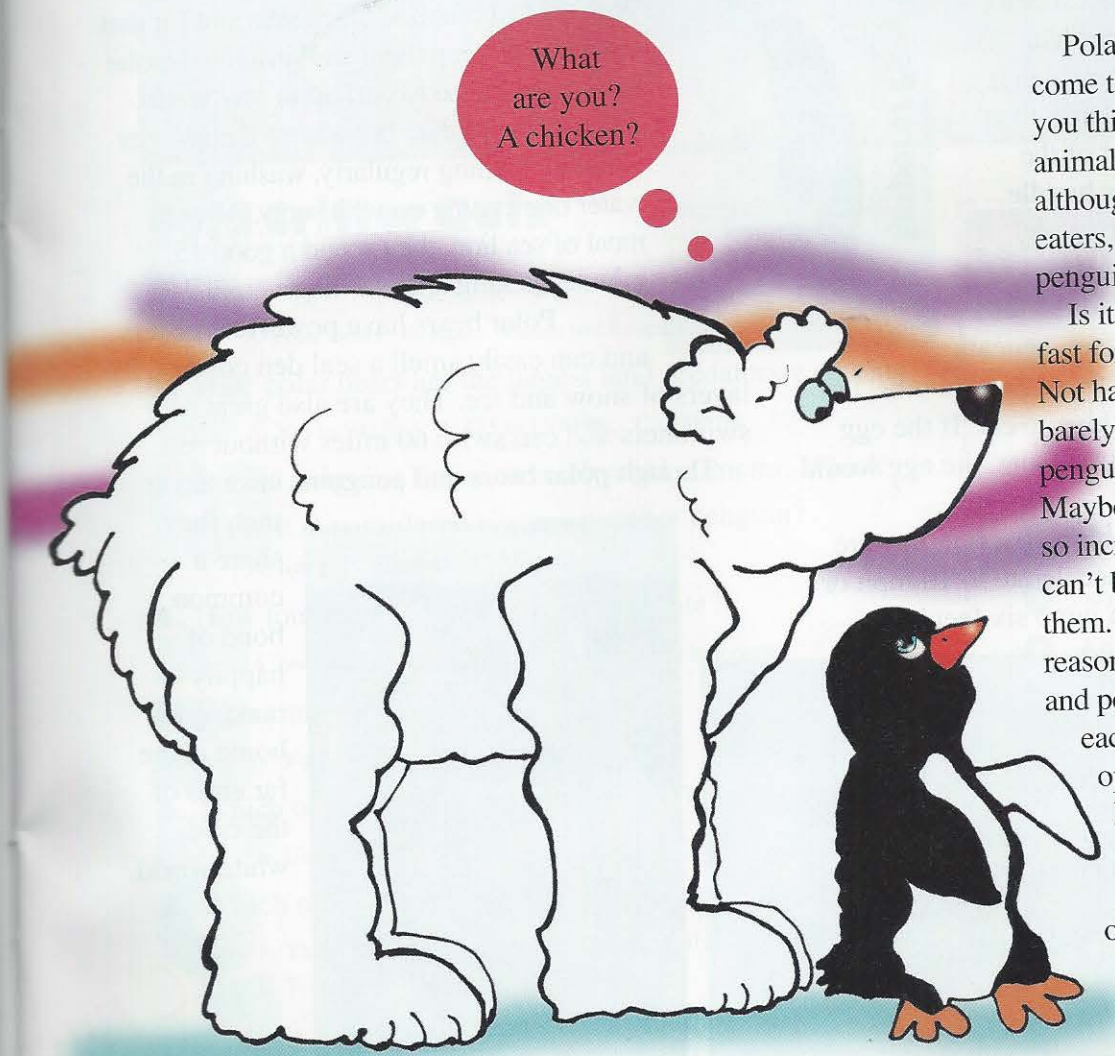
Critter Zone

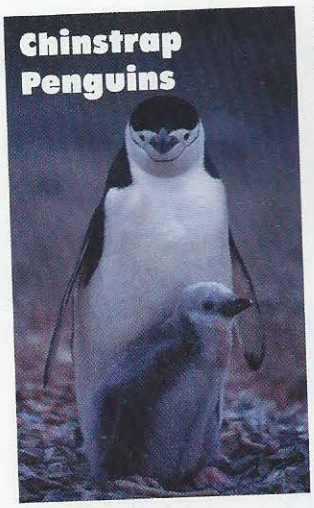
Penguins & Polar Bears

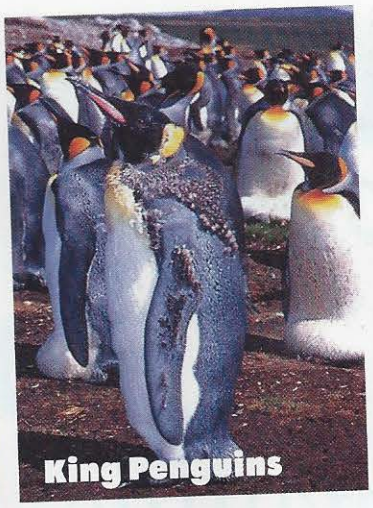
Animals, bugs, crawlers and flyers, swimmers and slitherers may be found in the Critter Zone!

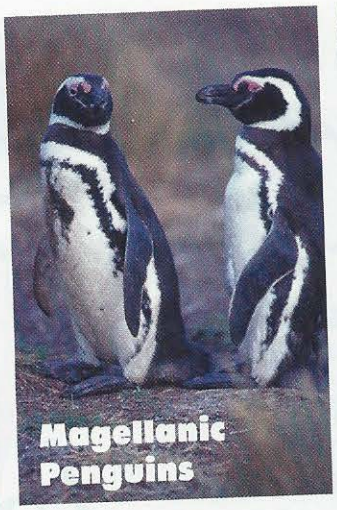


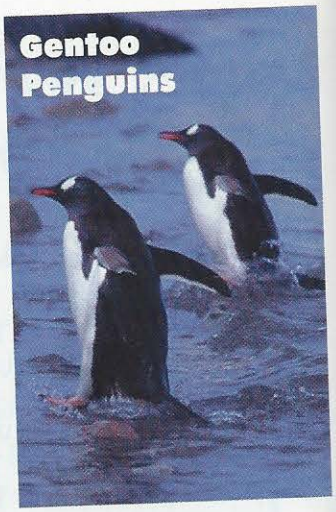
Polar bears and penguins come to mind quickly when you think about winter loving animals. But, did you know that although polar bears are meat eaters, they never, ever eat penguins?

Is it because penguins are too fast for polar bears to catch? Not hardly... penguins can barely run at all. Is is because penguins taste bad? Nope. Maybe it's because they are just so incredibly cute polar bears can't bring themselves to eat them. Wrong again. The real reason is because polar bears and penguins never run into each other. They live at opposite ends of the world. Polar bears live only in areas close to the north pole, and penguins can only be found south of the equator.



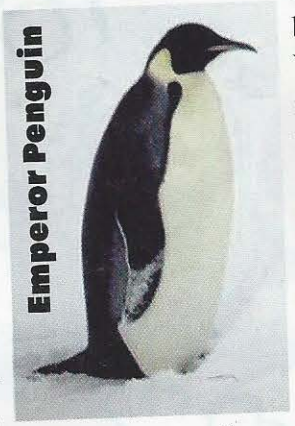




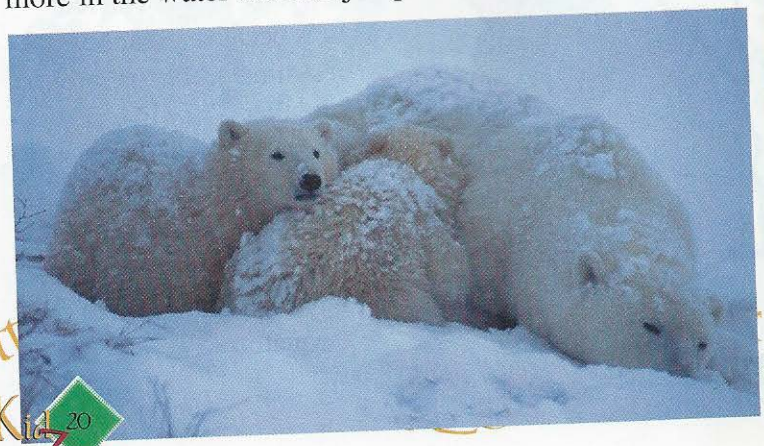


There are about 17 different species of penguins living in the southern hemisphere. These social birds spend their days caring for their young and finding food consisting primarily of krill, shrimp and fish.

The most impressive of these waddling wonders are the Emperor Penguins who live in Antarctica. The biggest of all penguins they weigh up to 90 pounds and stand nearly four feet tall. During the worst of the winter, the male penguins huddle together keeping themselves and their eggs warm. After the mother lays the egg she passes it to the father who puts it on top of his feet, beneath his warm tummy. During these four months, the father can't even get anything to eat. If the egg were off his feet for even a minute, the egg would freeze.



Penguins may not be able to fly, but they are great swimmers and can accelerate to 10 mph or more in the water and can jump six feet high.

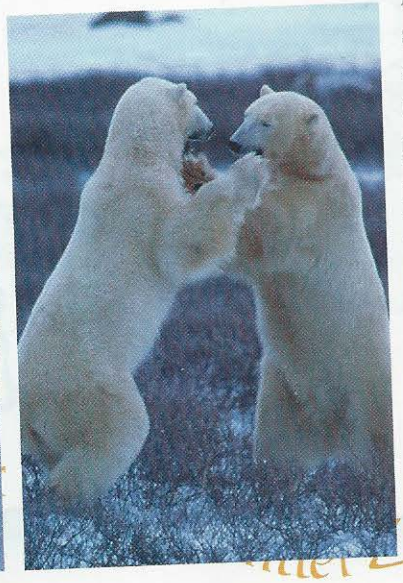


Polar bears are at the other end of the globe, trying to stay cool. You wouldn't think it would be too hard since winter temperatures average -30°F. Actually, they have such a fabulous insulation system, they try not to run too much because they can easily get overheated. With 4½" of blubber, black skin and fur that is hollow to keep them well insulated, polar bears rarely need to curl up to stay warm.

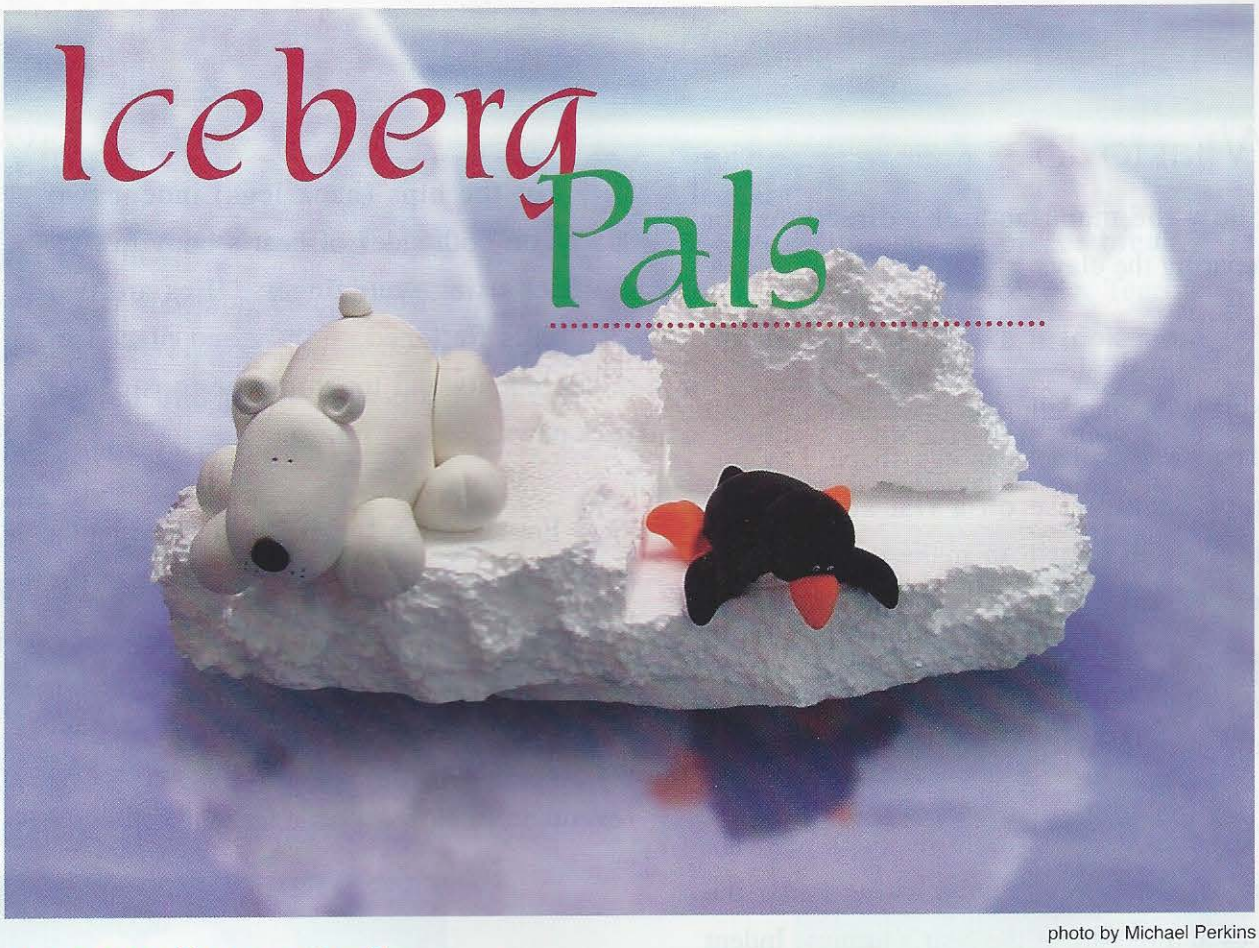
These white bears keep themselves white by bathing regularly, washing in the water or cleaning up with snow. After a meal of sea lion, they spend a good 15 minutes licking and washing.

Polar bears have powerful sniffers and can easily smell a seal den covered by layers of snow and ice. They are also great swimmers and can swim 60 miles without rest.

Though polar bears and penguins have never met, they share a common bond of happily making a home at the far ends of the cold, white world.



Iceberg Pals



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Cold Critter Quiz

Answers on pg 64-66

1. Which animals prey on penguins?

A. Polar Bears B. Killer Whales and Leopard Seals C. Sharks

2. Male polar bears are the largest land predators weighing

A. 300 to 500 lbs. B. 775 to 1500 lbs. C. 2000 lbs.

3. Not all penguins live in severely cold climates. Which of these is considered a warm weather penguin?

A. King B. Emperor C. Magellanic

4. How long do male polar bears hibernate?

A. one month B. two months C. they don't hibernate

5. Who can swim faster?

A. You B. Polar Bear C. Penguin

6. Which of these places would you NOT find polar bears?

A. United States B. Norway C. Australia

7. Which of the following is true about polar bears?

A. They have white fur B. They have partially webbed paws
C. They never attack humans

Stuff you need

- Modeling compound or clay
  black
  orange
  white
- Permanent marker
  black fine-point
- Styrofoam™ (optional)
- Acrylic paint
  white
- Misc.
  toothpick
  paintbrush

Products used by our designer Nancy Overmyer

- Crayola® Model Magic
- Sharpie® Permanent Marker
- STYROFOAM® brand plastic foam

What to do

Follow the manufacturer's directions for preparing the clay.

1 Polar Bear:
Using white modeling compound or clay roll a large 2½" ball into an egg shape. Lay this shape lengthwise on a flat surface and slightly press down to make the tummy of the bear flat.

2 Paws are made from rolling four 3/4" balls into teardrop shapes. Place front paws (pointed end toward the body) at either side of the narrow end of the body. Back paws are placed with pointed end sticking under the sides and middle of the bear's tummy. Indent the front paws with a toothpick to make toes.

3 At the narrow end of the body use thumb to indent a space on top to place the head. Roll a 1¼" ball to form the head. Roll into an oblong shape. Place the head on the indented space vertically. Indent a vertical line for the mouth with a toothpick.

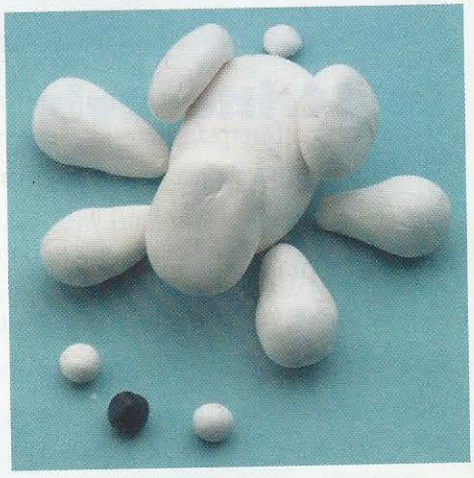
4 Ears are two small 1/4" balls placed on top of the head and indented with the end of a paintbrush handle.

5 The nose is a 1/4" ball of black placed just above the mouth indent.

6 For the hips (back legs) indent two spaces on both sides of bear's body toward the back using your fingers. Hips are two 1¼" balls flattened slightly and placed in those indents and touching the tops of the back paws.

7 For tail roll a 1/4" ball and shape into a teardrop and place on the top and back of the bear's body with the tip down.

8 Using a black fine point permanent marker, make two dots for his eyes and several dots below his nose for whiskers.



Polar Bear pieces

For at least 20 months, cubs depend on their mother's milk for survival.

Wild polar bears live 15 to 18 years.

What to do ----------

1 Penguin:

Using black modeling compound roll a 1¼" ball into a teardrop shape (for the body). At the pointed end press between fingers slightly and tip it up for the tail.

2 At the larger end place a 3/4" ball for the head. Roll a small 3/8" ball of orange into a cone shape. Place the larger end of the cone at the bottom side of the head for beak.

3 Roll a 1/2" ball of white into an oblong shape and flatten. Place this on the tummy of the penguin.

4 The front flippers are two 1/2" balls of black rolled into teardrop shapes and flattened. Place the larger end under the tummy towards the head. Make the tips curl down to hang over the iceberg.

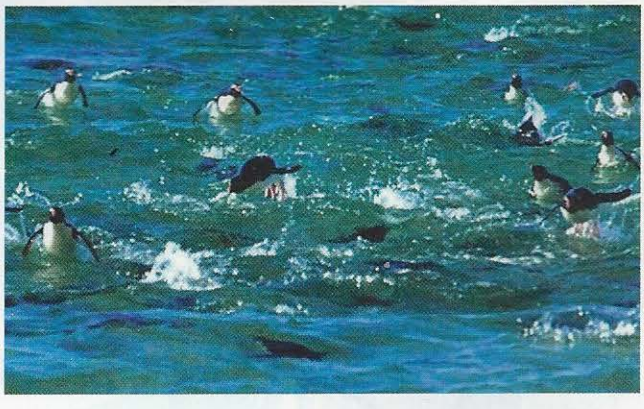
5 The back feet are two 1/2" balls of orange slightly flattened. Using your index finger and thumb, pinch into points for toes. Place end of foot under back end of the penguin's tummy.

6 Using a toothpick dipped into white acrylic paint, dot two eyes on the penguin.

1 Iceberg:

Using Styrofoam packing pieces break a section up to look like an iceberg. Tearing away the corners will make it look more realistic like jagged ice. Pose the polar critters onto the iceberg with paws and flippers hanging slightly over the edge.

Penguin pieces



Gentoo Penguins are numerous and about 300,000 pairs can be found on the Falkland Islands.

Color your way down

Peppermint Lane

Chomp Zone

Find out about fabulous foods, then whip up some recipes for you and your friends to Chomp!

Candy Canes

Why are candy canes red and white? Why not green and white? Why do they look like canes? You probably don't even think about them because candy canes have been around forever and they've always been red and white and bent...right?

Well, not always.

Legend has it that in 1670, the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral was looking for a way to keep fidgety children still during the long Living Nativity service. What better way than with candy? He whipped up a batch of white sugar sticks and bent them in the shape of a shepherd's staff.

More than 1.76 billion candy canes will be made for the Holiday Season!

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Candy Cane Reindeer

On a wrapped candy cane, glue on some wiggle eyes and a pom-pom nose. Tie on a ribbon bow and twist on brown chenille stem antlers and you've got a cute reindeer to jazz up your tree.

In 1847 a German-Swedish immigrant named August Imgard put candy canes on his Christmas tree in Wooster, Ohio, making them as popular for decorating as for eating.

In the early 1900s red stripes were added and peppermint flavoring too. Some say these were added for religious significance, but no one seems to know for sure.

Finally, a candy maker named Bob McCormack of Albany, Georgia, began making the treats in the 1920s, but it was a major production to make them in large quantities. With some help from his brother-in-law, a Catholic priest who invented a machine to automate candy cane production, mass production became possible. In the 1950s, Bob's Candies became the world's leading candy cane producer.

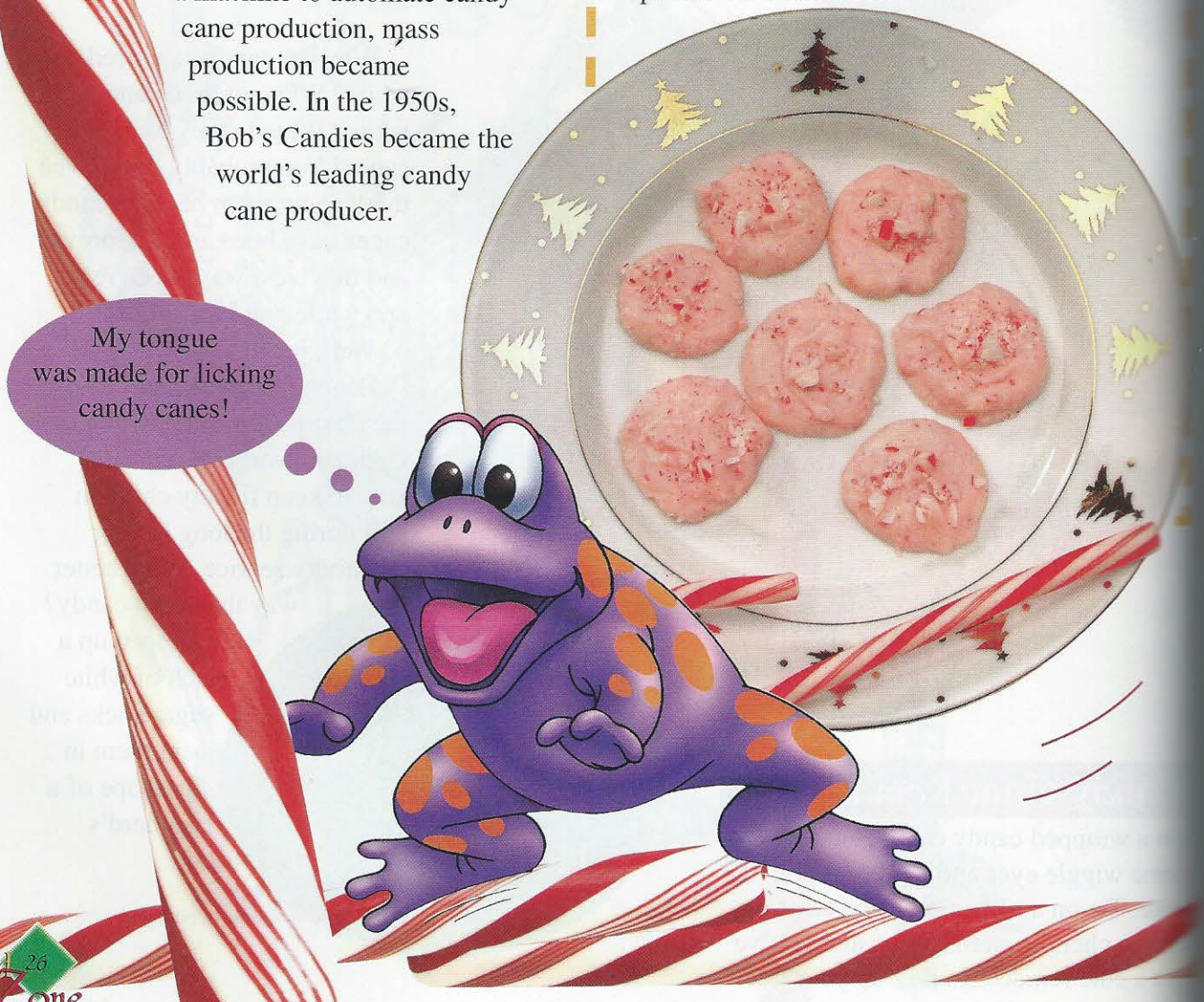
Candy Cane Drops

You will need:

White almond bark
Candy canes
Red food coloring

Directions

With a rolling pin, smash up a few candy canes. Melt the almond bark according to the package instructions. Add a drop of food coloring and stir in half of the broken candy cane pieces. Drop teaspoon or smaller blobs of the mixture onto a cookie sheet sprayed with non-stick spray. Sprinkle with remaining candy cane pieces. Chill until set.



Candy Cane Cookies

You will need:

1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1 egg
1 t vanilla
1 t peppermint extract
2½ cups flour
1 t salt
Red food coloring
Red sugar sprinkles

Directions

With a wooden spoon, mix the butter and sugar together until creamy. Add egg, peppermint and vanilla and stir well. Add flour and salt and stir until dough is well mixed. Divide dough in half. Color one half with red food coloring. Take a walnut-size ball of red and roll into a "pencil" about 6" long. (Start by rolling it in your hands, then finish on the counter. For the red, sprinkle some of the red sugar down to roll it in. For the white, sprinkle a little powdered sugar on the counter so it doesn't stick.) Do the same with the white. Lay the two side by side and gently twist together. Place on a cookie sheet and bend over the top for a cane shape or leave straight. Makes about 18 cookies.

Candy Cane Gifts

Want to give a goodie as a gift? Decorate one of these bags and a card to go with your candy cane theme. See page 54 for more info.

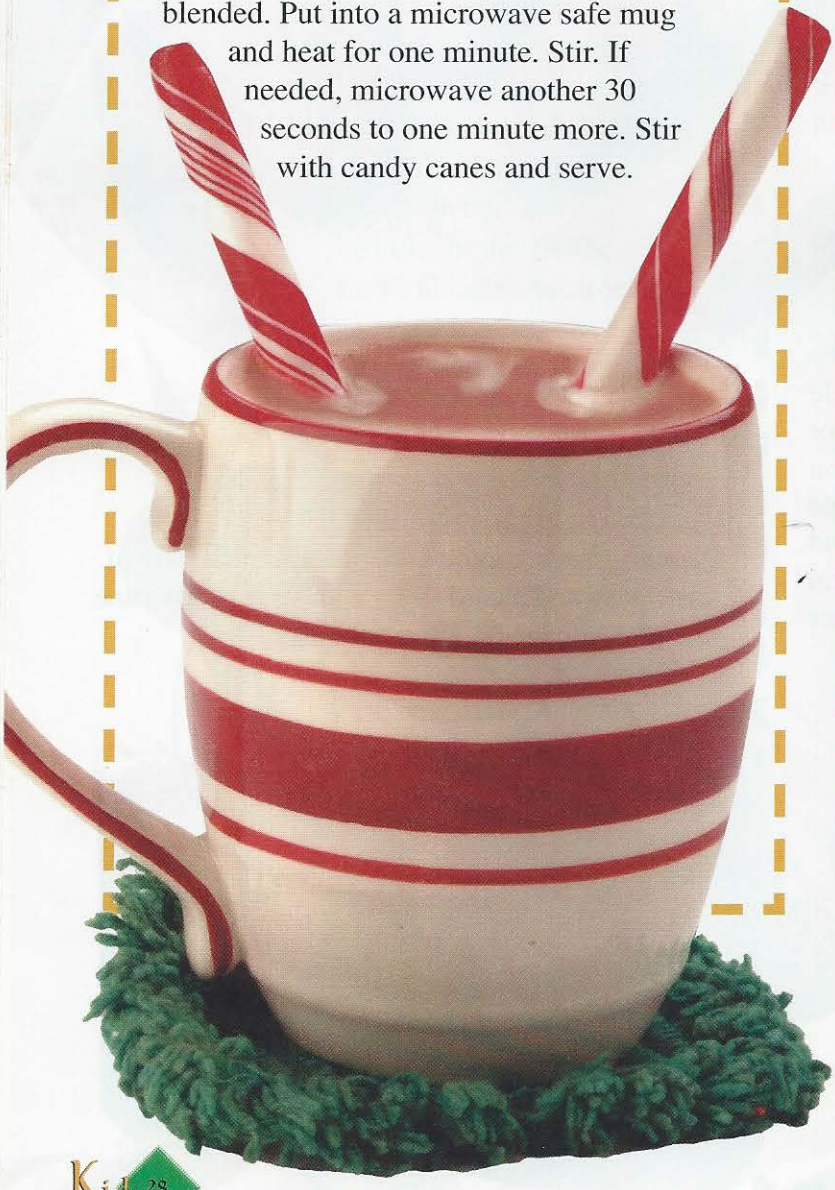
Candy Cane Cocoa

You will need:

2 t unsweetened cocoa
1 T sugar
Dash salt
1 cup milk
Candy canes

Directions

Mix cocoa, sugar and salt in a bowl. Using a wire whisk, stir in the milk until well blended. Put into a microwave safe mug and heat for one minute. Stir. If needed, microwave another 30 seconds to one minute more. Stir with candy canes and serve.



Candy Cane Game

See if you can answer these Candy Cane related questions to fill in the blanks. The white letter is the first letter of the word.

C A N D Y C A N E

The
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
first gave kids candy canes.

_ _ _ _ _ _ Imgard decorated his tree with candy canes.

Only kids on Santa's
_ _ _ list will get candy canes in their stockings.

_ _ _ _ _ likes to lick candy canes.

Candy canes are
_ _ _ _ _ .

_ _ _ _ _ , or hot chocolate, is better with candy canes.

A peppermint candy cane might soothe your stomach
_ _ _ _.

Sheep, cows and donkeys might be seen at a Living
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
loves candy canes!

Answers on pg 64-66

Mazey's Mischief

Jokes, clowning, humor, tomfoolery, and other funny stuff!

Why did the turkey cross the road?
To prove that he wasn't chicken
Josh Nemitz
Venice, FL

What do pigs do when they love each other?
Hog and Kiss
Ashley DeBaets, 11½ yrs old
McHenry, IL

What kind of candy can you drink out of?
A Peanut Butter Cup
Rebecca Lostetter, 9 yrs old
West Mifflin, PA

What kind of soup do dogs like?
Chicken Poodle
Karly Holland
Charles City, IA

What key has legs and can't open doors?
A Tur-key
David Severson
Sgt. Bluff, IA

Why did the police arrest the turkey?
They suspected him of fowl play
Bryan Matthew
Wayne, NE

What kind of cookies should you eat on a row boat?
Oar-eos
Karly Holland
Charles City, IA

Knock-knock
Who's there?
Donut
Donut who?
Donut open till Christmas!
Stanley Bryant, 11 yrs old
Las Vegas, NV

Knock-knock
Who's there?
Avery
Avery who?
Avery merry Christmas!
Jennifer Winters
Canton, MO

I've got two tricky tongue twisters... take a deep breath and try these... Friendly Flitz flies and flips flapjacks. Lucky Louie lion likes licking lemon lollipops.

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Snow & Ice

We've tracked down the facts on everything you could possibly want to know about...

Not again...

The greatest snowfall reported at the Phoenix, Arizona, National Weather Service was 1". That occurred twice. The first time was January 20, 1933. It happened again 4 years later on the same day.

The Average Snowfall...

nationwide, per day when snow falls is about 2", but in some mountain areas of the West, an average of 7" per snow day is observed.

Does It Have to be 32° or Colder in Order to Snow?

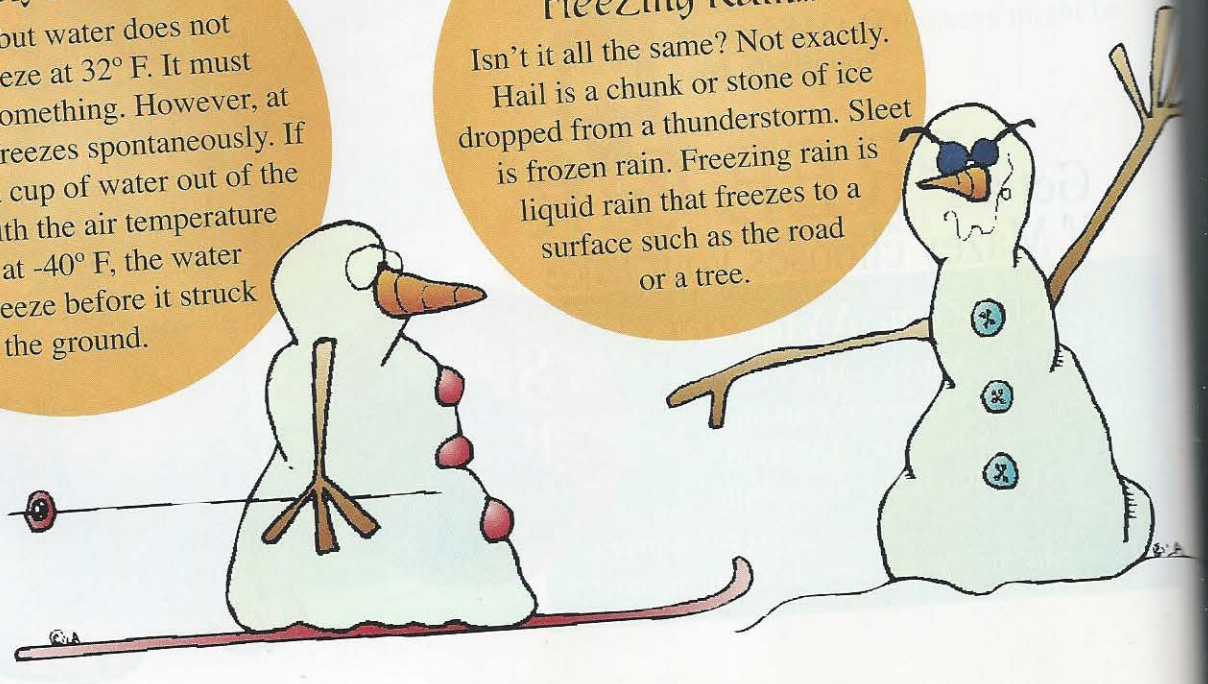
No! It has been known to snow with temperatures in the mid 40°s. Temperatures are below 32° F up in the clouds though, where the snow is forming.

Ice Always Melts...

at 32° F, but water does not always freeze at 32° F. It must freeze onto something. However, at -40° F water freezes spontaneously. If you poured a cup of water out of the window with the air temperature outside at -40° F, the water would freeze before it struck the ground.

Sleet, Hail, and Freezing Rain...

Isn't it all the same? Not exactly. Hail is a chunk or stone of ice dropped from a thunderstorm. Sleet is frozen rain. Freezing rain is liquid rain that freezes to a surface such as the road or a tree.



Making this snowman stocking will warm your heart!

10" to 1"...

10" of snow melts down to about 1" of liquid rain.

Freezing Point...

Salt lowers the freezing point of water.

What is Windchill?

It is the combination of wind and temperature and is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin of people or animals. As the winds increase, heat is carried away from the body at a faster rate, driving down the body temperature. Windchill has no effect on cars or other objects.

Iglu...

The word Igloo originates from the Inuit (Eskimo)word "Iglu" which means house!

Clear Skies and Snowfall?

Ice crystals sometimes fall from clear skies when temperatures are in the single digits or colder.

Giant Igloo?

Try and imagine a building made out of snow and ice with ceilings over 18 feet high and furniture carved in blocks of ice. Is it a really big igloo? No, it is the Ice Hotel in Quebec Canada. It takes about 5 weeks, 11,000 tons of snow and 350 tons of ice to build the hotel each year. The hotel is open from January until sometime in March when it slowly melts away under the warm spring sun.

Materials Needed:

Craft foam: red, green, blue, white, and orange. White cord, 60" piece. Metallic green pom-pom. Acrylic paint: red, white. Medium tip black permanent marker. Glue, scissors, decorative edge scissors, 1/8" circle punch, paintbrush.

Make it:

Using pattern, cut two stockings from red foam, cutting top edge with cloud paper edgers. Cut top of hat from blue foam. Cut hat brim from green foam, using scallop scissors. Cut snowman head from white foam. Cut carrot nose from orange foam. Transfer dots to foam snowman head and stockings. Rouge snowman cheeks with red. Paint cheek dots with white using the end of paintbrush. Draw mouth and eye dots with black permanent marker. Punch 1/8" holes in stocking dots. Place stockings together, lining up holes. Insert cord through holes, wrapping cord around the edges, leaving an 8" length of cord at the top on both sides. Knot ends together for hanger. Following pattern, glue snowman head and top of hat to stocking. Glue hat brim and carrot nose on top of head and hat. Glue pom-pom to stocking at top of hat. Let dry.

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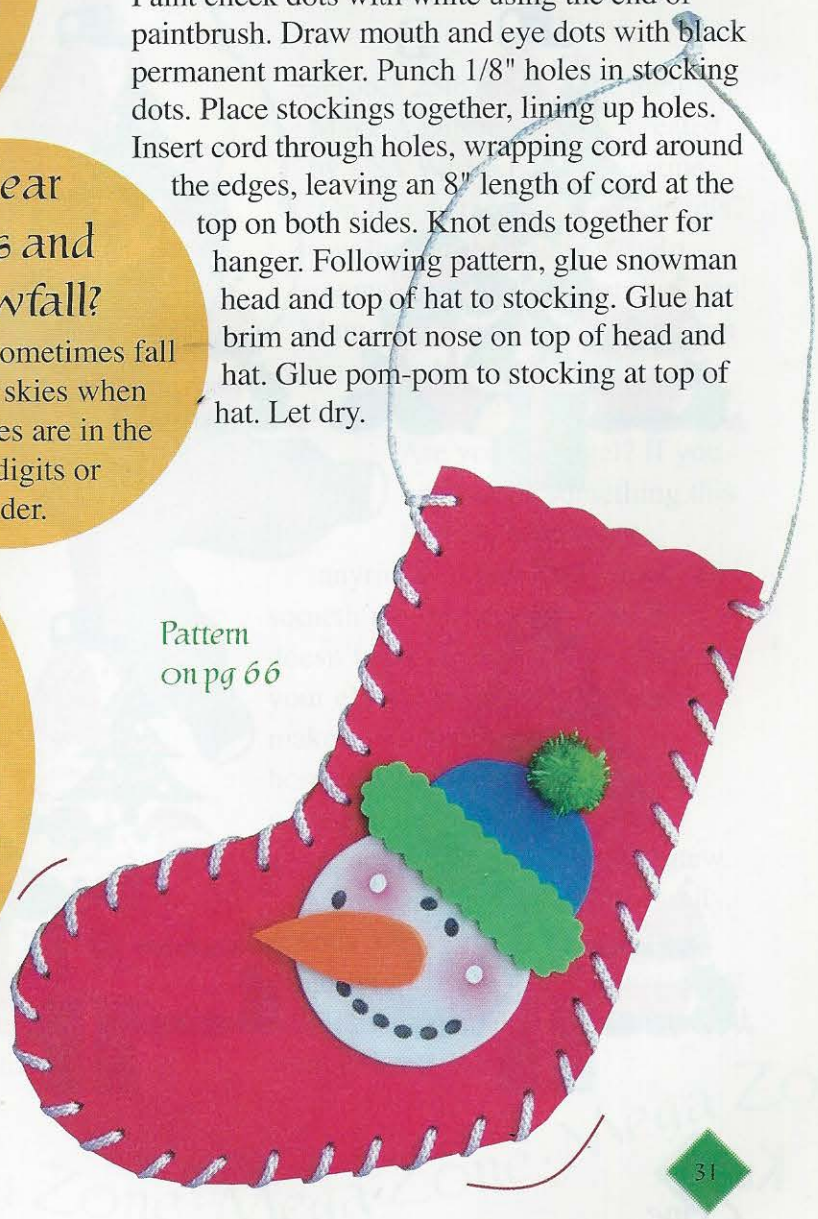

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Holiday Matchup

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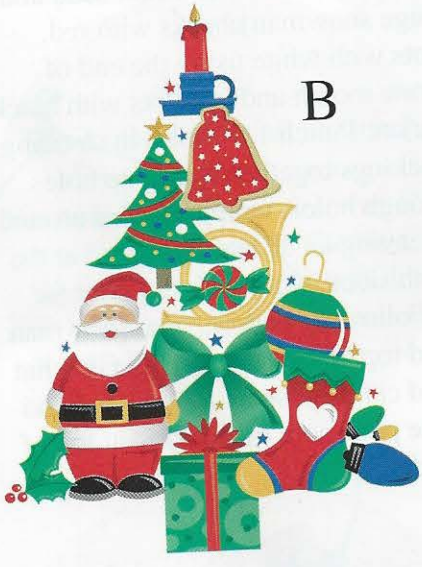

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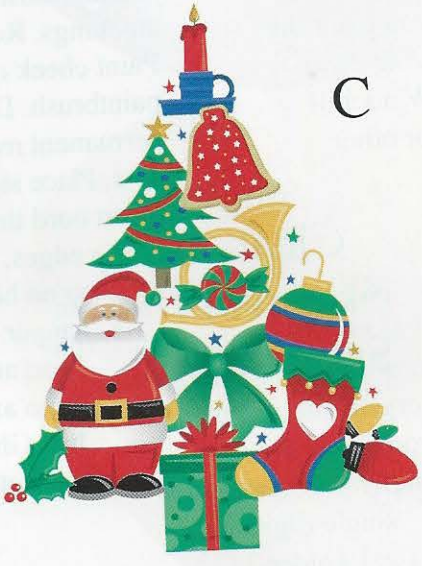

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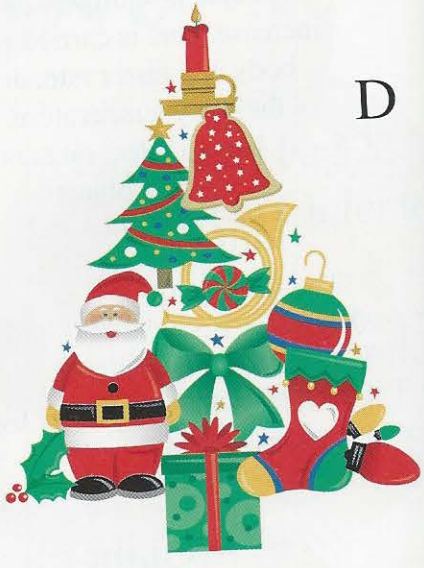

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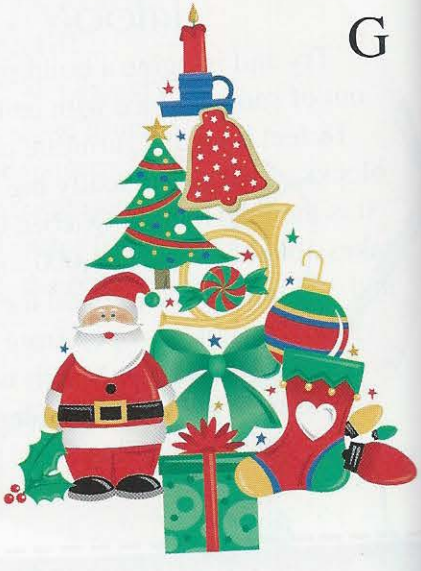

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Mega Zone

Be an Angel

Do something for someone else and make a project to give away. These are projects you can make a *Mega*-lot of *Mega*-cheap.

October 25th marked the annual Make A Difference Day created by USA WEEKEND Magazine. On this day millions of "angels" volunteer their time to help someone else, however they can. Many don't just do it one day, but make a regular habit of helping others.

Are you an angel? If you want to do something this holiday season (or anytime) to feel really good, do something for someone else. It doesn't have to be extreme. Take out your elderly neighbor's garbage, make some holiday treats for a homeless shelter, send letters to people in the military or help a younger child learn something new.

A great idea is to get your family, friends or classroom involved in a project. Once you find out how great helping others makes you feel, you'll want to keep doing it!

For ideas on helping others, and to participate in the next Make A Difference Day program, check out www.usaweekend.com

Angel Candle Holders

Back View

Stuff you need

- 2" Wood block (per angel)
- Angel wings (per angel)
  4" wooden cutout
- Wood stars (per angel)
  one-3/4"
  two-1"
- Standard wood candle cup
  one per angel
- Candle cup insert
  one per angel
- 3/8" wired gold ribbon
  3/8 yd. per angel
- 3/16" gold rope (per angel)
  3/4" piece for halo
- Doll hair
- Acrylic paint
  Winter Blue
  Antique White
  Raspberry
  Mocha
  Antique Gold
  White Wash
  Emperor's Gold
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
  bullet tip black marker
- Opaque gold writer
  extra fine tip
- Glue
- Misc.
  paper towel
  scissors
  pencil

Products used by our designer Mary Ayres

- Craftwood from Darice.
- Lara's Crafts wooden shapes.
- Royal & Langnickel paintbrushes:
  Series 355 natural hair bristle #5 and #8.
- Angel's hair from Twice As Nice Designs, Ltd.
- Beacon™ Adhesives Kids Choice Glue!™
- EK Success ZIG® Memory System Writers.
- Deco Art™ Americana™ acrylic paint.
- Deco Art™ Dazzling Metallics.

What to do

1. Paint wood block with either Winter Blue or Antique White. Paint wings with White Wash. Dry brush all edges of block and wings with Emperor's Gold. (Dry brush-dip a dry round bristle brush in paint and wipe excess off on a paper towel until brush is almost dry. Wipe brush across edges for shading). Draw a dotted line around front side of wings and block with gold writer 1/8" from edge.

2. Paint stars with Antique Gold. Dry brush edges with Emperor's Gold. Glue a 1" star to the center, front side of the block. Draw a dotted line around star with gold writer 1/8" from the edge.

3. Paint head area of candle cup with Mocha and halo area with Antique Gold. (The indentation in the candle cup separates the head from the halo). Dry brush top edge of candle cup with Emperor's Gold.

4. Mark eye dots on candle cup with pencil, 3/4" down from top edge and 1/8" apart. Dry brush cheeks with Raspberry. Draw eye dots with black marker. Paint cheek dots with White Wash, using the end of the paintbrush handle.

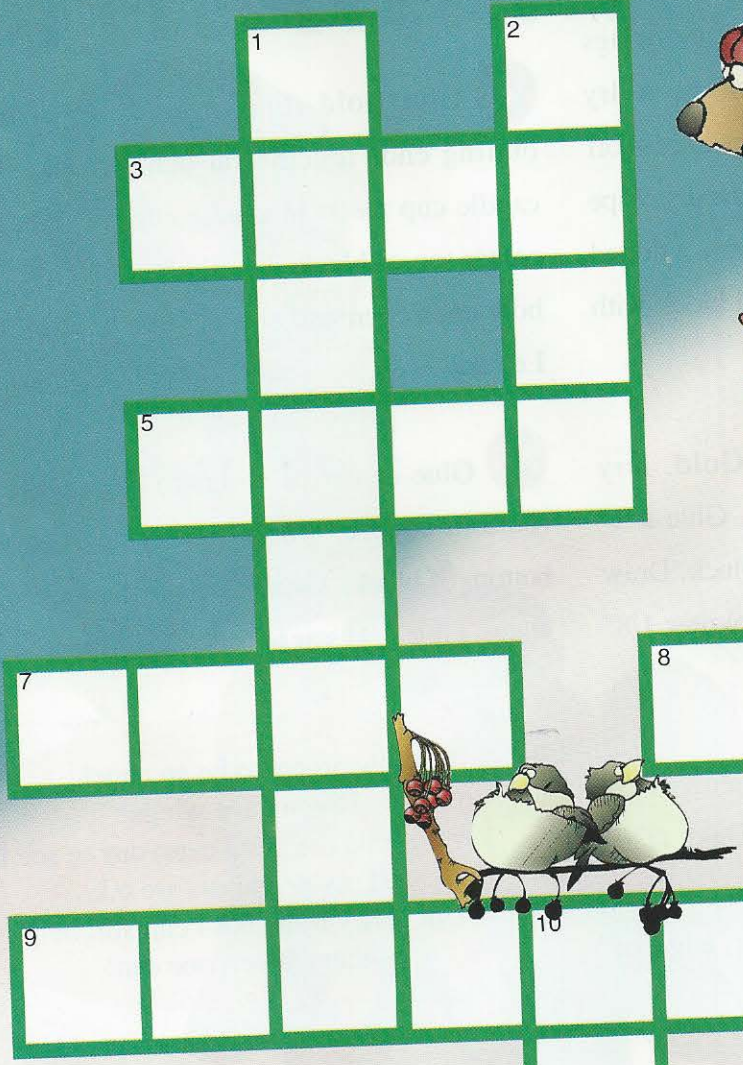
5. Cut hair pieces about 1 1/4" long. Glue hair around sides and back of head.

6. Glue gold rope around top of head, butting ends together at center back. Place candle cup insert in candle cup. Glue head to center top of block. Tie ribbon in a bow. Trim bow ends even and shape. Glue bow to neck. Let dry.

7. Glue center of wings to back of block, (bottom edge of wings should be even with bottom of block). Glue 1" star to center back of wings. Glue 3/4" star to back of gold rope.

I always try to be an angel...
I even have wings!
I fly around the pond everyday to see if
all my neighbors are o.k.
I'm pretty little, but I can still help
others...everyone can!

Winter Forest Crossword



ACROSS

3. What type of animal is Bambi?
5. What is white and falls from the sky?
7. A bird might build a nest in this.
8. Sometimes this blows so hard it howls.
9. A very pretty red bird.

DOWN

1. Rudolph is one.
2. A large black bird.
4. Another name for a forest.
6. Flitz is a bug, what is a squirrel?
10. When rain freezes it becomes what?

Answers on pg 64-66

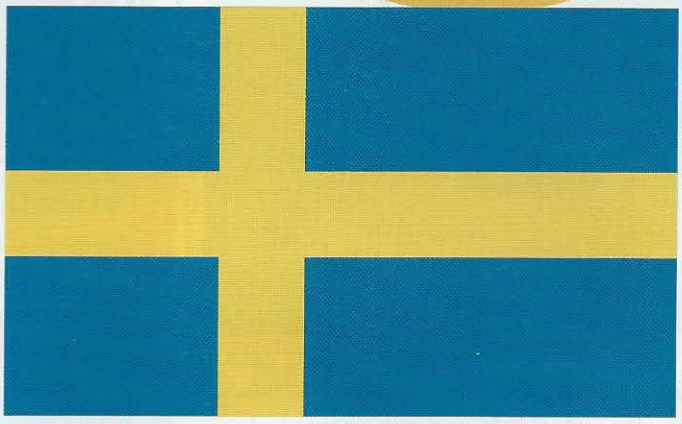
Culture Zone

Sweden

In the *Culture Zone* you'll find out about how people in other countries live and how parts of their culture enhance our culture.

Map of Sweden

Stockholm is the capitol.



Flag of Sweden

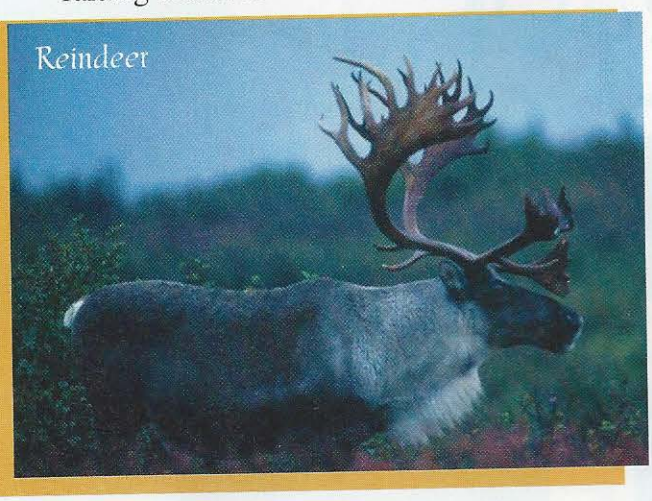
The design is hundreds of years old with a blue background and a golden-yellow Scandinavian cross.

Hejsan (Ā-sun). That's Swedish for "Hello." My name is Sylvia. I'm named after Queen Silvia of Sweden. My great grandparents came to the United States from Sweden on a big ship when they were very young.

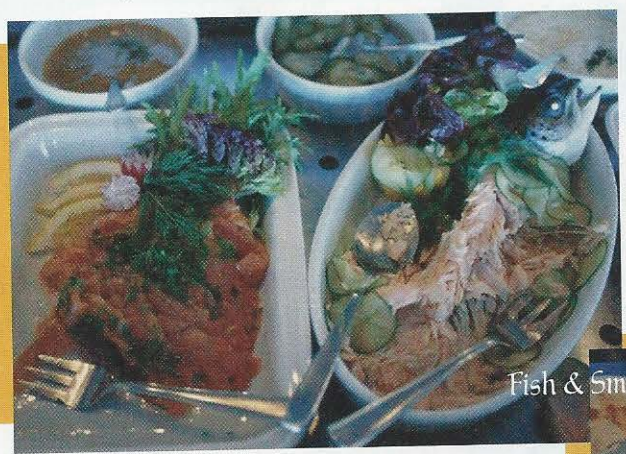
Sweden is far to the north above Germany and Poland. It is a pretty chilly place, but since it borders the sea, not as cold as some might think. I went there in the summer and it was beautiful and warm.

The people of Sweden are called Swedes. Swedes enjoy getting together with family and friends and are a fairly quiet bunch. They have a strong belief that everyone is as good as the next person and that everyone should have the same opportunities and respect. It is a compliment if someone says you are "very ordinary."

For the most part, Swedes work at the same types of jobs as people here. There is one small group of "indigenous" people, called the Sami, who make their living by raising reindeer.


Reindeer

Sweden is along the Baltic Sea and fish are eaten often at meals and it's presented in many different ways. Swedes enjoy a variety of foods during a meal and the word Smorgasbord comes from this idea—which we Americans translate to mean a buffet featuring many dishes.


Fish & Smorgasbord Options

Soccer and hockey are the favorite sports there and the emphasis is on the team instead of outstanding players.

Kids go to school, pretty much like they do here, with summer and winter breaks.

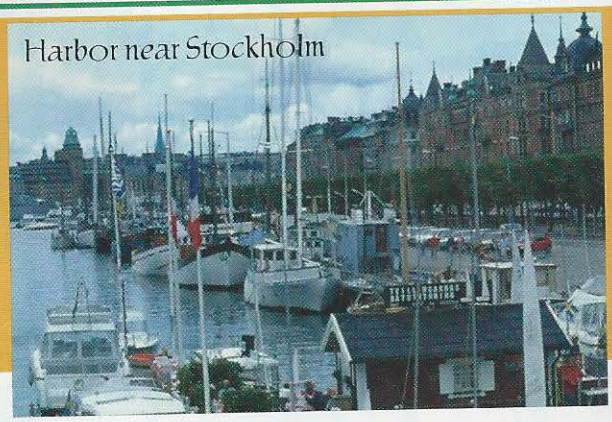
Learn Swedish

In Swedish, "Good Morning" looks like this
God morgon
and sounds like this:
Say: Goo more-run

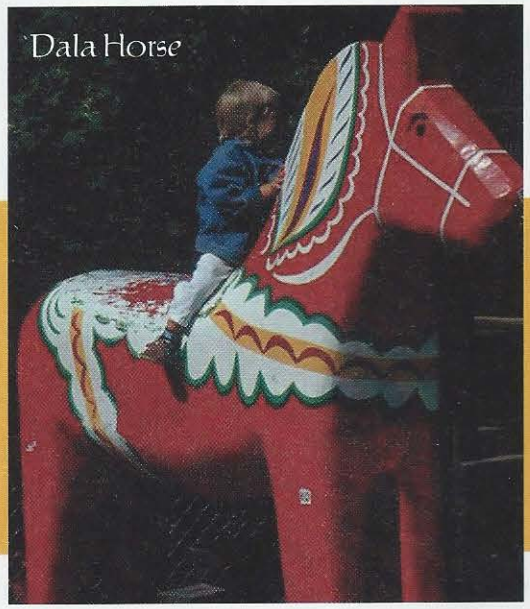
In Swedish, "How are you?" looks like this
Hur mår du?
and sounds like this:
Say: Who more-der

In Swedish, "Is everything okay?" looks like this
Allt väl?
and sounds like this:
Say: Alt vel?

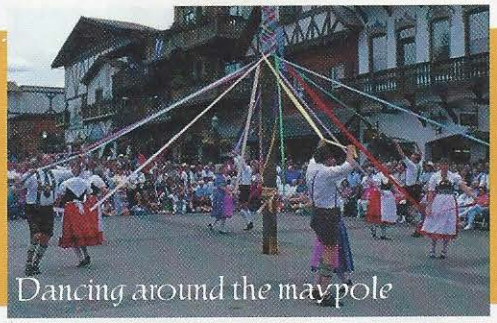
Most Swedes can speak English as it is taught in school. Swedish is similar to Danish, Norwegian and Icelandic languages and Swedes can more or less understand and read those languages.


Harbor near Stockholm

Things that are very much Swedish are the Dala Horses, which are traditionally painted, small wooden figures. This one is huge and is in front of the Stockholm museum.


Dala Horse

Holidays are different in Sweden than here. Walpurgis night is in the spring when bonfires are lit to symbolize driving out winter and making way for summer. Midsummer Eve is a big celebration with the arrival of the warm weather and big parties are thrown. There's a maypole, doorways are decorated with flowers


Dancing around the maypole

and greens and there's dancing, music and food at the outdoor parties. Christmas, like here, is the biggest holiday, but it's celebrated a little differently.

The holiday starts with the lighting of an advent candle on the first Sunday of December. St. Lucia is celebrated on December 13th. (This day honors a girl from 300 A.D. who was put to death because of her Christian beliefs.) The eldest daughter of each household is dressed in a white gown and crowned with a halo of candles. She carries sweet breads and coffee to her parents before dawn...or a similar procession is held at a holiday program.

Make Swedish Food

Swedish Meatballs

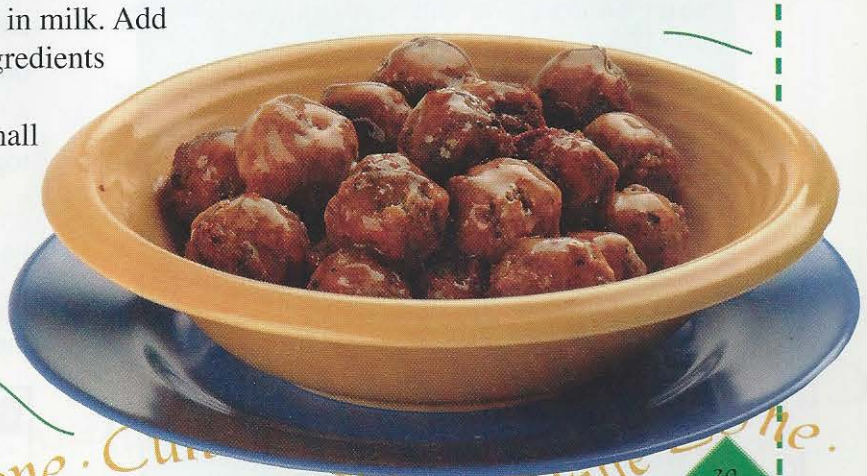
Swedish Meatballs are a common dish and may be served on Christmas Eve for those who don't like the traditional lutfisk.

Ingredients

1 T chopped onion
1/3 c bread crumbs
2/3 c milk
3/4 lb ground beef
1/4 lb ground pork
1/8 t nutmeg
1/8 t ginger
1/8 t allspice
1½ t salt
1/4 t pepper
1/2 t sugar

Directions

Cook onion in 1 T butter. Soak bread crumbs in milk. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Shape into small balls. Fry in butter.



Swedish Julbock

Materials: 1 pkg. (6 yds) bright yellow Creative Twist, red embroidery floss

Make It:

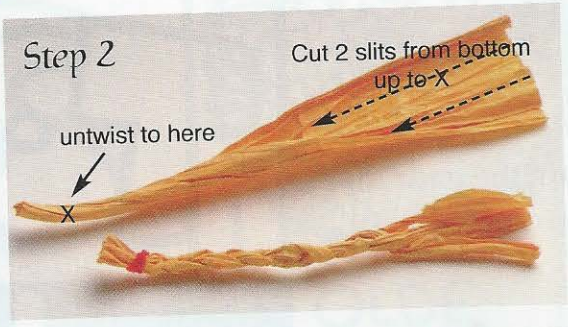
1. Cut Creative Twist in pieces: 9 pcs. 8½" (legs and horns), 2 pcs. 16" (body and head).
2. Take one 8½" piece and open it up carefully from the bottom leaving about 1/2" twisted at one end. Cut 2 slits from bottom up to twisted end to make three sections. Braid this piece to form horns and tie a red floss around ends to secure.
3. To make the legs, take two of 8½" pieces and bundle them together with the red floss as shown. Do this again with the last two 8½" pieces.
4. Take the two 16" pieces and fold them in half over the middle of one leg piece. Tie to secure in front of the leg piece.
5. Put the other leg piece about 2" up between the two top and two bottom pieces as shown. Wrap red floss under and over body to hold leg piece in place.
6. Now, bend it up in the front and tie together about 1" to form the neck.
7. Place the braided antlers between the top two and the bottom two pieces, bend down in front of the antlers and tie together to make the head. Curl ends of antlers.

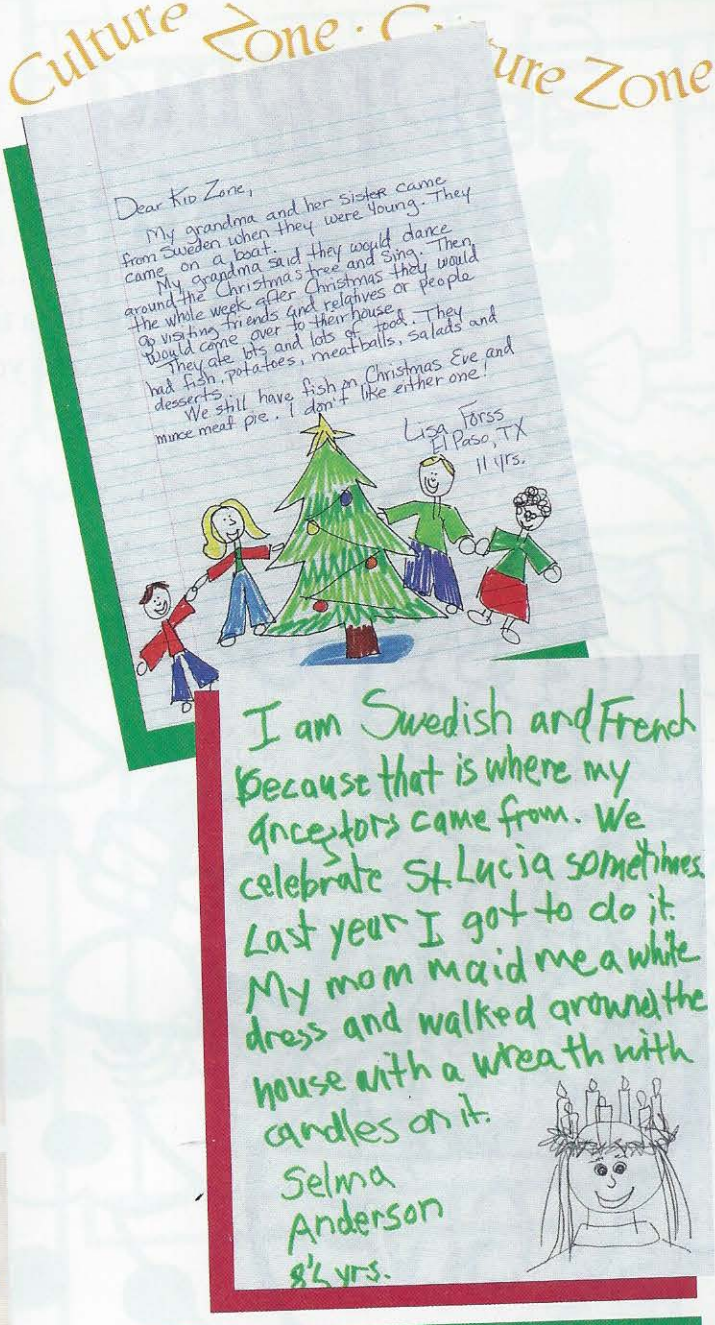
Christmas Eve is the big celebration with a special dinner and opening of gifts. The Swedish Santa is called Jultomten. In pictures he is elf-size and instead of cookies and milk, Swedish children leave him a bowl of porridge.

Before the Christmas dinner a smorgasbord of meats, including meatballs, pickled fish and breads are presented. For the main course, the traditional lutfisk is usually served, which is a dried fish, soaked in lye, served in a white sauce. Ham is also served. For dessert, a boiled rice pudding with warm milk and cinnamon are the favorite. Inside is a hidden almond. If you get the almond, you will have good luck in the new year.

In Sweden many many years ago, Julbock the Christmas goat was credited for giving gifts. Today, the Julbock is one of the oldest holiday symbols the Swedes have and a typical Swedish Christmas decoration. Most households have several Julbocks of varying sizes all over their homes during the holidays. You can make one for your home or to hang on your tree.

Products used by our designer: Angelina DeLuca
• Creative Twist by DMD, Inc.




Dear Kid Zone,

My grandma and her sister came from Sweden when they were young. They came on a boat.

My grandma said they would dance around the Christmas tree and sing. Then the whole week after Christmas they would go visiting friends and relatives or people would come over to their house. They ate lots and lots of food. They had fish, potatoes, meatballs, salads and desserts.

We still have fish on Christmas Eve and mince meat pie. I don't like either one!

Lisa Forss
El Paso, TX
11 yrs.

I am Swedish and French because that is where my ancestors came from. We celebrate St. Lucia sometimes. Last year I got to do it. My mom maid me a white dress and walked around the house with a wreath with candles on it.

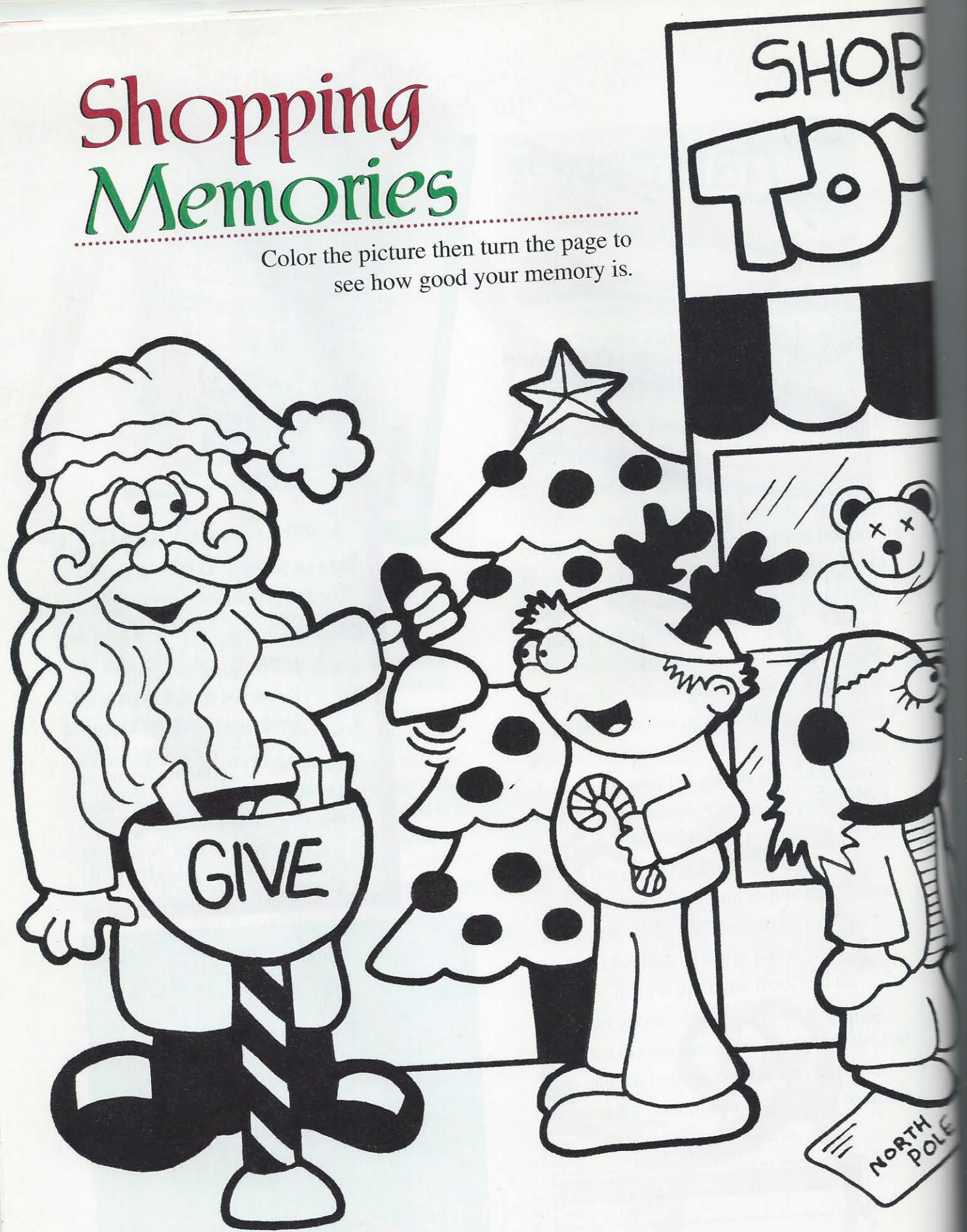
Selma Anderson
8½ yrs.

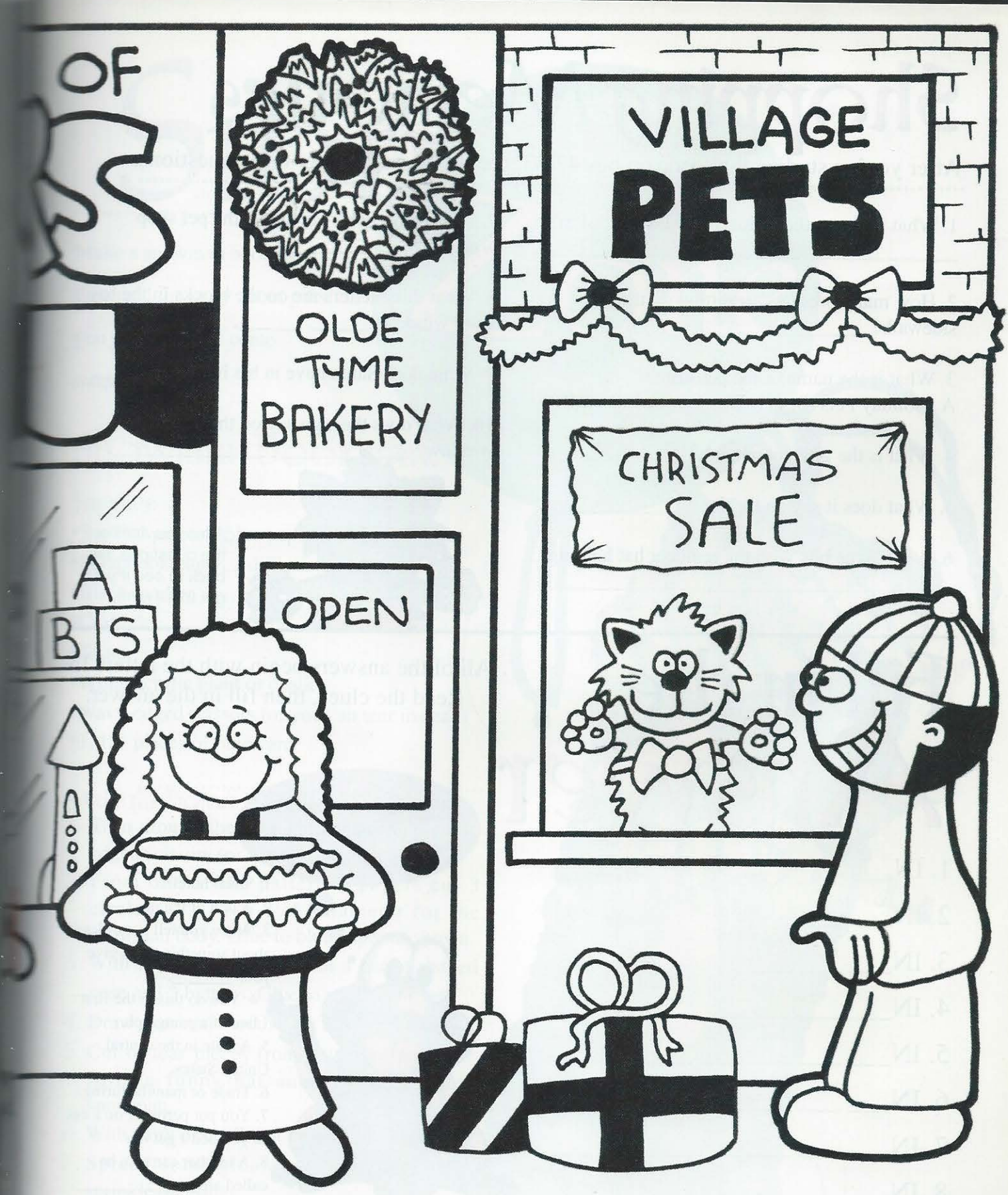
In upcoming issues, we'll focus on different cultures and we'd like to know what culture you're from and what makes you special. Write to us and tell us what your favorite foods are, favorite games and events and how you celebrate your heritage.

Write us at: Kid Zone • Culture Zone Info • 450 Benson Bldg. • Sioux City, IA 51101.

Shopping Memories

Color the picture then turn the page to see how good your memory is.

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Shopping Memories

After you've studied the scene on pgs 42-43, see if you can answer these questions.

1. What is above the "Olde Tyme Bakery" sign? _____

2. How many presents are sitting on the sidewalk? _____

3. What is the name of the pet store?
A. Holiday Pets B. Pets Express C. Village Pets

4. What is the girl stepping on? _____

5. What does it say on the door? _____

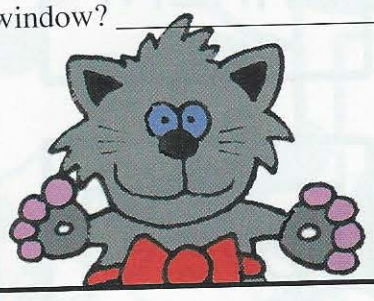
6. What is the boy with the reindeer hat holding? _____

7. How many bows are above the pet shop window? _____

8. What three letters are on the blocks in the toy store window? _____, _____, _____.

9. What does Santa have in his hand? _____.

10. What does the sign say on the pet shop window? _____.



After you answer the questions, flip back to see if you got them right.

Fill in the Answer

All of the answers begin with the letters IN. Read the clues, then fill in the answer.

I couldn't get number 3 at all! I had to look in the back!

1. IN___
2. IN___ ___
3. IN___ ___ ___
4. IN___ ___ ___ ___
5. IN___ ___ ___ ___ ___
6. IN___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
7. IN___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
8. IN___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

1. Small hotel.
2. A unit of length.
3. When you tell your ideas about something you give your _____.
4. You do this to the first line of a paragraph.
5. A state in the central United States.
6. Trade or manufacturing.
7. You put peroxide on a cut so you don't get this.
8. A teacher can also be called an _____.

Story Zone

Make a snowman bookmark then read the story about gifts you get that don't come wrapped.

Snowman Bookmark

Supplies:

- 3 x 7½" piece of blue paper
- Scrapbook paper, 3 different prints
- Black marker
- Craft glue
- Glitter
- White acrylic paint or chalk
- Wavy-edged scissors (or you can tear instead)
- 3, 12" pieces of blue yarn

Make the Project:

1. Trim around the blue paper with the wavy-edged scissors (or tear the edges).
2. From one of the patterned papers cut 3 circles: 2", 2½", 2¾" diameter for the snowman body. Glue to blue paper as shown.
3. With the wavy scissors, cut a carrot shaped nose and 2 buttons. Glue to snowman.
4. Draw eyes and mouth with black marker.
5. Cut or tear pieces from patterned paper to form a funny hat and scarf. Glue to snowman.
6. With paint or chalk dot on snowflakes.
7. Spread some glue at the bottom and sprinkle on glitter.
8. Punch a hole 1/4" from the top. Fold 3 yarn pieces in half and put fold through hole. Run ends through loop. Pull tight.

Burman's Gift

Written by Jennifer Winquist
Illustrated by Dan Sharp

It was nearly Christmas. The worst Christmas ever. After all, how good could Christmas be at Houligan's Hollow? No fancy dinner parties, no warm nights by the fireplace, certainly no presents or special treats. Boring. Boring. Boring. What was even the point?

Burman was used to the finer things in life and Christmas had always been a special time when he lived in a mansion. Lights everywhere, Christmas trees and greenery to explore, packages with fancy ribbons to play with, handouts of roast beef, cheese and caviar from holiday guests.

Now he was on the farm, living in a barn with a dozen other animals. What could there possibly be to look forward to? Nothing.

"Why 'ya lookin' so sad?" Flitz was in the doorway of the barn watching Burman.

"I'm not sad. I'm merely feeling nostalgic." Burman wasn't about to go into things with Flitz. She couldn't possibly understand such things. She hadn't even seen snow before since she flew south during the winter. "Why are you here? Shouldn't you be in Costa Rica or somewhere by now?"

"I'm not going south for the winter. Jack and Mazey said I could stay in the barn this

winter so I could see snow...and celebrate Christmas with you guys! I can't wait!" Flitz was hugging herself from the cold, but she was beaming warmth nonetheless. It hadn't snowed yet, which was unusual, but she knew it was coming any day. She buzzed back into the barn to warm up.

Burman almost felt sorry for her. Just wait until she experienced Christmas here. What a disappointment. Just a week to go until Christmas and not a light in sight, no wreath on the door. It was just like any other cold, dreary day. Burman decided to go in the barn and take a nap in the hay loft.

As Burman slept he dreamt he was waking up on Christmas morning. There was a big tree beautifully decorated with ornaments and millions of lights right in the middle of the barn, but there were no presents under it. Suddenly, Santa Claws appeared. He was a stunning white haired cat with a fuzzy red scarf with white and silver accents, tiny glasses sitting on his nose and a big blue bag with white snowflakes.

"There you are Santa Claws! I thought you had forgotten about me. Are all the gifts in that bag for me?" Burman was excited to open his presents. He could hardly wait.

Santa Claws shook his head. "No Burman. I'm afraid none of the gifts in my bag are for you. I don't have anything for you this year."

"I'm certain there's been a mistake. I have been quite responsible, use good manners and have kept well groomed...which has been an undertaking since I was relocated here." Burman was sure Santa had confused him with some other cat.

"I can't give you anything, because you don't give anyone else anything."

"I may have been a little lax in my gift giving this year, but the options are so limited. Anyhow, no one gave me any gifts." Burman couldn't believe Santa would be so unfair.

Santa looked down his nose at Burman. "I'm not talking about presents. You have been given so much. You've lived in elegant homes, traveled to wonderful places, experienced a loving family and friends, enjoyed elaborate celebrations, fine foods and gifts. You've had every opportunity, yet you give no opportunities to anyone else. You've only complained and pouted since you've had that taken away. Doing nothing is the worst thing you could have done."

Burman's face felt as red as Santa's scarf. Santa was right. He hadn't done anything for anyone else. He was so selfish. Mazey, Jack, Dewey and Flitz had never had the things he had had. Did they complain? Did they sit around feeling sorry for themselves? No! They were always doing things for others. They had done so much for him when he arrived at the farm to make him feel welcome. He had done nothing.

Santa Claws smiled at Burman and patted his shoulder. "I think you know what to do. I'm sure things will be just fine."

A bright light blinded Burman. Santa was gone and Burman was wide awake with sun streaming in a hole in the barn roof. Burman felt ashamed of himself...but wait! "It's a week until Christmas!" Burman spent the next hour pacing the hay loft thinking. He'd need some help. He scurried down the ladder to find Jack and Mazey.

For the next three days the three planned and plotted, gathered supplies and created. When Burman wasn't planning with Jack and Mazey, he was working on other projects he didn't want them to know about. Not just yet. Four days before Christmas it was time. After everyone had gone to sleep, he stayed up and got things started.

The next morning Burman awoke to "oohs" and "ahhs" and happy, surprised voices. Greenery, berries and little white lights had been strung all over the barn. There were several brown paper sacks in the middle of the barn, each with a name tag and a pretty red or green bow.

"Merry Almost Christmas!" Burman announced. "Since this is my first Christmas here, and Flitz's, I thought I'd share some things with all of you that make my Christmas special. I started decorating last night, and thought we could finish it together. You each have a sack that has a special decoration in it so we can all decorate together."

No one could believe that Burman was doing this. Normally, he hardly spoke to

anyone. But everyone was glad he was doing it. They spent the rest of the morning hanging up garlands, lights and wreaths, all the while laughing and singing.

The next day, Burman looked outside, still no snow. He really hoped it would snow today. He spoke with Speck the horse, and they surprised everyone with a hayrack ride and hot cocoa. Burman watched Flitz and she was having so much fun, as was everyone else...including Burman.

The day before Christmas, Mazey, Jack and Burman surprised everyone with a tree that they set up right in the middle of the barn. Again, Burman surprised everyone with a dozen pretty packages. Each contained a special ornament from Burman's collection—his gift to each of them.

Dewey opened his package to find a brilliant glass frog. It was purple. He was so excited he almost cried. He thanked Burman and hugged him at least a dozen times. The silly glass frog had meant nothing to Burman when he had received it, yet meant everything to Dewey. It was completely unique, just like Dewey. Burman had never felt happier than he did right now. He never knew giving was so wonderful.

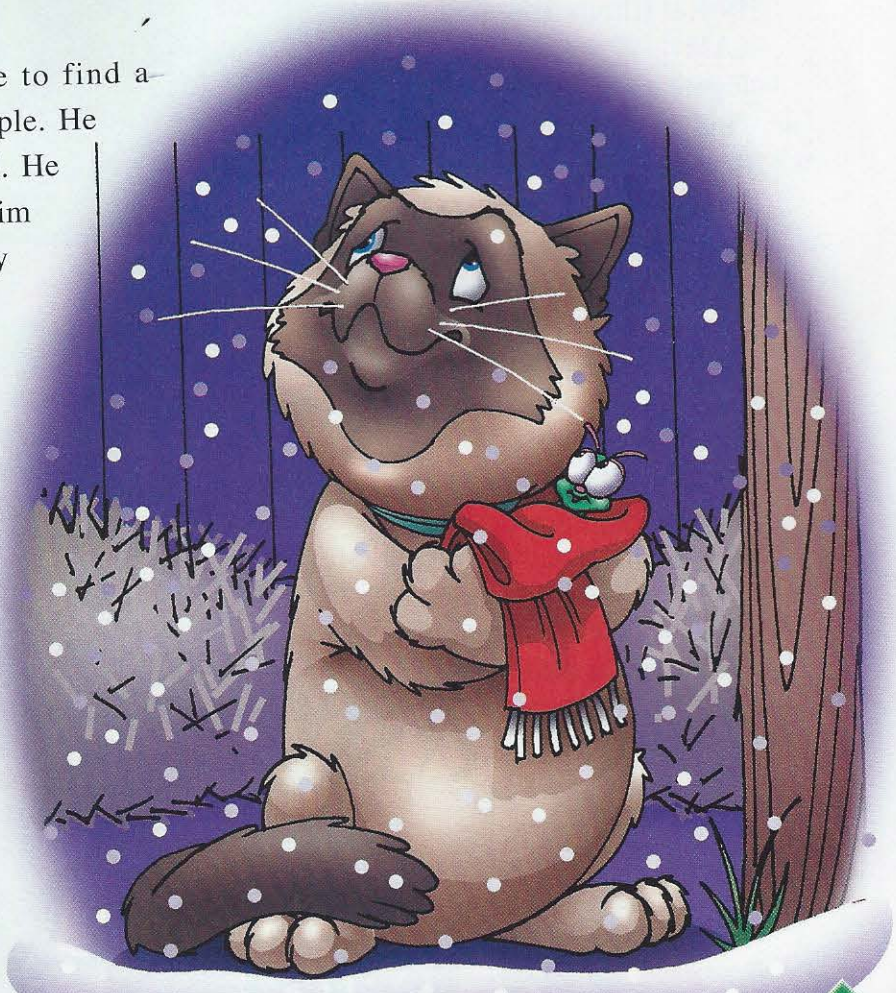
After decorating their tree and eating a special dinner, everyone shared stories of their favorite Christmas. When it was Burman's turn, he didn't tell about Christmases in tropical places or fancy dinners. His favorite Christmas was this one.

Burman lay awake long after everyone had gone to bed. He was thinking about Santa Claws, but not about presents for himself. He wished he could still tell Santa what he wanted. He wanted snow on Christmas morning for Flitz.

Burman blinked. Then blinked again as two snowflakes fell through the hole in the barn roof and landed on his nose. He ran to the window. It was snowing, hard.

Quietly, Burman picked up a sleeping Flitz, wrapped her in a scarf and took her to the barn door. The moon was full and brilliantly illuminating the snow.

Burman shook Flitz a little and whispered, "Merry Christmas."



The End

Burman's Brain Benders

Burman is a regular know-it-all and has some brain-draining riddles for you to figure out. See if your brain is as big as Burmans.

Apple Picking

Susie, Stan, and Cory picked a total of 3 dozen apples. Each person picked at least 10. Read the clues below to figure out how many apples each person picked.

- They each picked an even number of apples.
- Cory picked 2 more than Stan
- Susie picked 2 more than Cory

Susie___, Star___, Cory___

Common Ground

Each group of three share one thing in common. What is it?

1.	2.	3.
A River	A Zipper	A Cow
A Person	A Shark	A Shoe
A Cave	A Comb	A Baby
_____	_____	_____

You kids go ahead and try to solve these riddles. They're pretty easy, but don't feel bad if you don't figure them out. I realize not everyone—actually hardly anyone—is as intelligent as I so...just do your best. I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas too. Enjoy!

Cats & Dogs

All of Jennifer's pets are dogs except one. All of her pets are cats except one. How many cats and dogs does Jennifer have?____

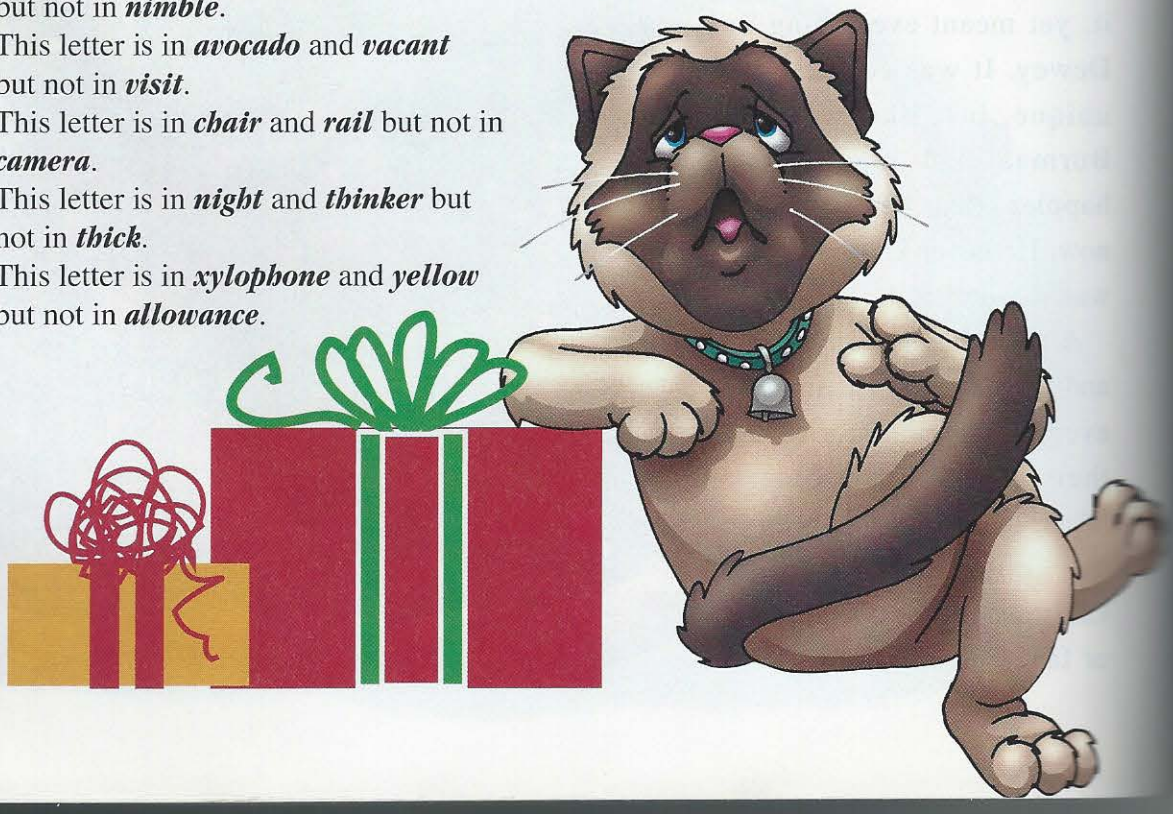
Answers on pg 64-66

Letter Elimination

I AM _ _ _ _ _ _!

Figure out the 6 letter word. Find all six letters by solving the sentences below. Write the letters in the red blanks above.

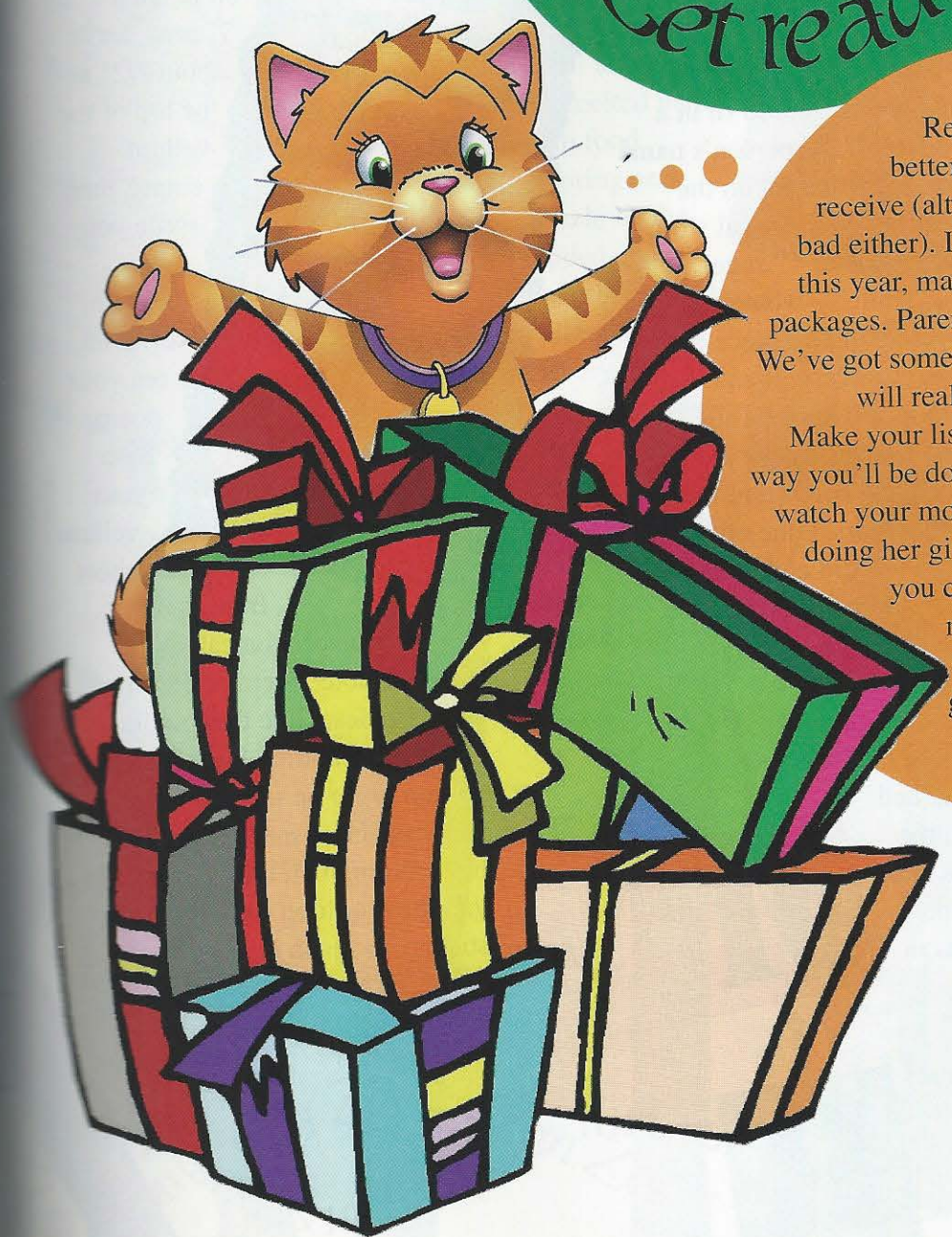
1. This letter is in ***cable*** and ***babe*** but not in ***tread***.
2. This letter is in ***irony*** and ***train*** but not in ***nimble***.
3. This letter is in ***avocado*** and ***vacant*** but not in ***visit***.
4. This letter is in ***chair*** and ***rail*** but not in ***camera***.
5. This letter is in ***night*** and ***thinker*** but not in ***thick***.
6. This letter is in ***xylophone*** and ***yellow*** but not in ***allowance***.



Fun Zone

The fun starts here for holiday ideas to make you smile!

Get ready to give



Remember, it's better to give than to receive (although receiving's not bad either). If you want to feel great this year, make your cards, gifts and packages. Parents and teachers love that! We've got some really great ideas that they will really like...REALLY!

Make your list and get started early. That way you'll be done and you can sit back and watch your mom freak out because she's doing her gifts at the last minute. Then you can offer to help her and make big-time brownie points. It all looks good in case Santa's watching!

Great Gifts to Make

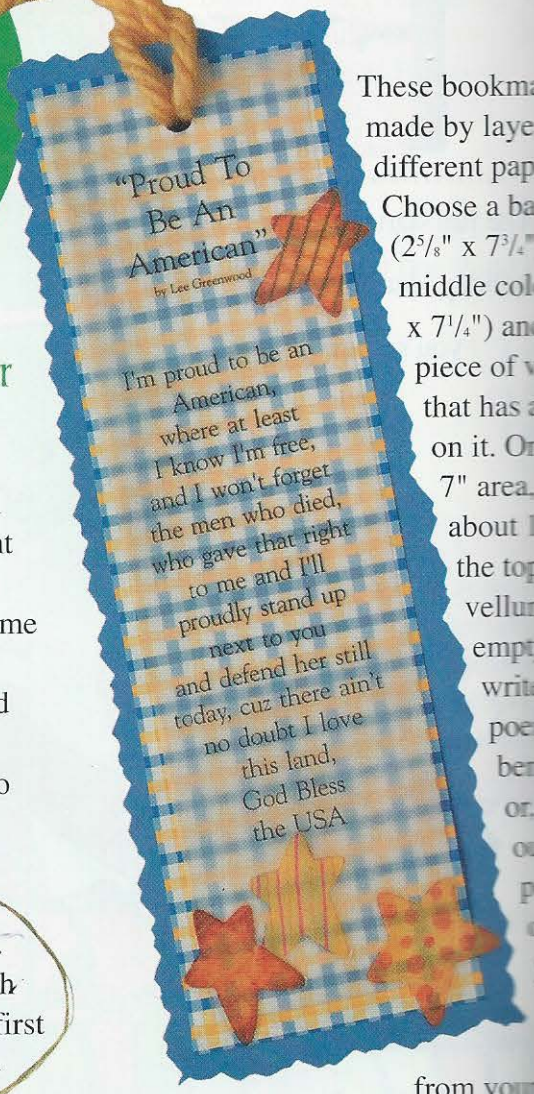
Any of these projects will be perfect for teachers, grandparents, parents or anybody on your gift list. Best of all...they're really easy!

Beaded Door Hanger

Stencil or print out letters from your computer onto patterned paper (scrapbook paper). You'll need two of each letter (for front and back). Letter should fit in a 2"x2" square. If the person's name is too long (it will drag on the floor) you can do a special word "teacher", "mother", "angel", "friend", "smile"—whatever. To put it together, take a piece of metallic embroidery thread and make a loop and knot it (big enough to fit over a door knob). String on a few beads that match your paper colors. Glue on the first letter of your word and glue the same letter on the back side (so when the letters spin around it will look the same). String on more beads, then the next letter and so on. At the end, tie a knot to hold the last beads in place.

Closeup detail

Poetic Bookmarks


"Proud To Be An American"
by Lee Greenwood
I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free,
and I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me and I'll
proudly stand up next to you
and defend her still today, cuz there ain't
no doubt I love this land,
God Bless the USA

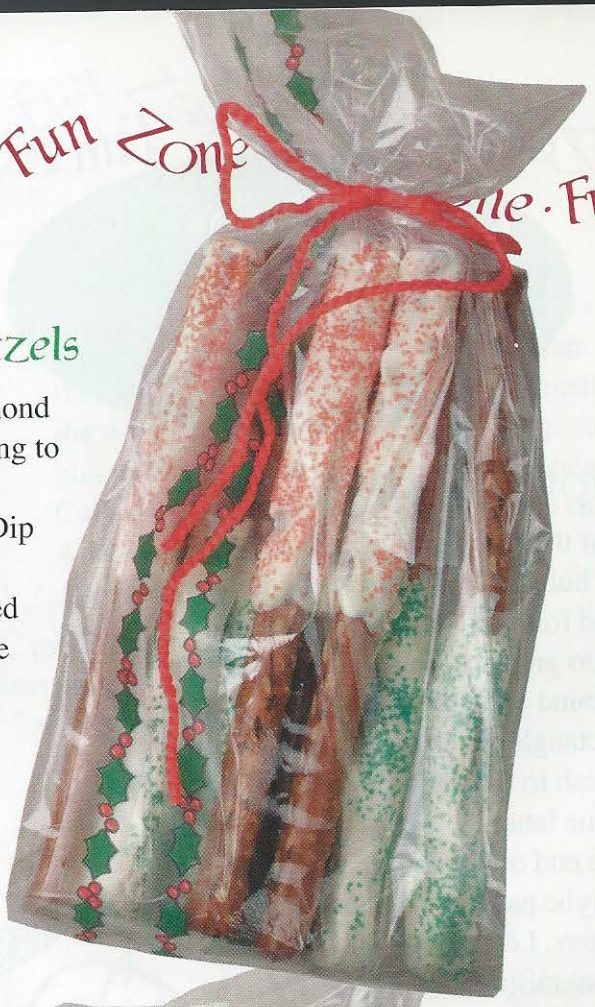
These bookmarks are made by layering 3 different papers. Choose a base color (2⅝" x 7¾"), a middle color (2⅜" x 7¼") and a piece of vellum that has a poem on it. On a 2" x 7" area, leave about 1/2" at the top of the vellum empty, then write your poem beneath, or print out your poem onto your vellum sheet from your computer. You can use a famous quote, poem or part of a song's lyrics. Glue the middle layer to the bottom layer. Lay the vellum piece on top and use a paper punch to make one or two holes through all three layers. Thread yarn bow or loop through. Add stickers to finish it.

"What A Wonderful World"
by Louis Armstrong
I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself,
what a wonderful world
I see skies of blue and
clouds of white
The bright blessed day,
the dark sacred night
And I think to myself, what a
wonderful world
The colours of the rainbow,
so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
of people going by
I see friends shakin' hands,
sayin' "How do you do?"
They're really saying "I love you"
I hear babies cryin',
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than
I'll ever know
And I think to myself,
what a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself,
what a wonderful world
Oh yeah

Dipped Pretzels

Melt white almond bark according to package directions. Dip big pretzel rods into melted bark, coating one end. Color a small amount of the melted bark with food coloring and drizzle on the dipped end, or sprinkle with colored sugar. Let dry.

Decorate a clear cellophane bag with holiday stickers, fill with dipped pretzels and tie with a ribbon.



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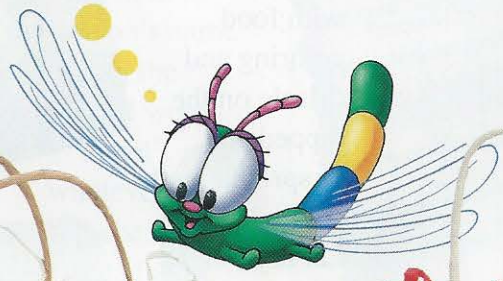
Great Wraps & Cards

Once you've got your gifts made, you'll want to present them in style.

Holiday Card

For the Happy Holidays card, take a piece of holiday-looking scrapbook paper and fold it in half. Stencil letters onto green colored paper, cut around and glue onto a red rectangle. Stick a piece of Magic Mesh to the left side of the card. Glue letters to card as shown. With the end of a paintbrush, dip in white acrylic paint and dot inside letters. Let dry. Tie a bow from raffia or ribbon and glue on card.

Dewey! Are you really in there?



Yep! There are some of those yummy pretzels in here...or I mean there were some of those pretzels in here.

Snow Card

Fold a piece of white paper in half. Cut a blue patterned paper slightly smaller than the front and glue on to white card. Stencil the word "SNOW" on a white paper, spread glue inside letters and sprinkle with glitter. Cut around "SNOW" word and glue on card. Add other words with a marker and a snowman sticker.

Gift Bags

Use your imagination! Choose your bag and decorate it with stickers, words, stencils, rubber stamps and bright papers. On the snowman bag we added popcorn "snow" but you could also use cotton balls or wadded up paper. Try using a picture you colored in a coloring book to add to your bag, or the fronts of old holiday cards work well too.

Info Zone

Bells

We've tracked down the **facts** on everything you could possibly want to know about...

Jingle Bells...

was written in the 1850s by Boston native James Lord Pierpont, and it was not written as a Christmas song. "Jingle Bells" was what you might call pre-Civil War rock 'n' roll and was inspired by the annual sleigh races between Medford Square and Malden Square. In its seldom-heard original form, the song is actually about having a flashy carriage and driving fast.

Scary Bells

It was once believed that ringing bells frightened away evil spirits.

Oops!!!

On the Liberty Bell, "Pennsylvania" is spelled "Pensylvania".

It's the Law...

Today, maritime law requires all ships to carry an efficient bell.

In China...

Actual bells, (which were considered to have spiritual powers) have been discovered dating back to the 5th century B.C.

Cause for Alarm...

Bells were an essential link in a ship's fire alarm system. In the event of a fire, the bell was rung rapidly for at least 5 seconds, followed by one, two or three rings to indicate the fire's location.

Keepers of Time...

Time at sea was measured by the trickle of sand through a half-hour glass. One of the ship's boys had the duty of watching the glass and turning it when the sand had run out. When he turned the glass, he struck a bell, (once on the half hour and twice on the hour), to signal he had completed his very important task.

Ring in the holiday with this super easy Jingle Bells Pin...

U.S. Navy...

Bells are removed from decommissioned ships and preserved by the Naval Historical Center.

What's it Called?

The part of the bell that strikes the metal is called the clapper.

United Nations Peace Bell...

The Peace Bell was presented to the United Nations on June 8, 1954, by the United Nations Association of Japan, in the name of the people of Nippon. The bell bears the inscription in Japanese: "Long Live Absolute World Peace" The bell is housed at the UN Headquarters in New York City.

Inscribed Upon...

a bell in Cambridgeshire, England: "Dulcis sisto melis campania vocor Gabrielis." (I am called the sweet toned bell of the angel Gabriel.)

Cannons and Bells...

have a curious relationship. Bells were melted down to make cannons during war, and cannons were melted down to make bells in times of peace.

The World's Largest Bell...

is the Tsar Bell III in Moscow. It is called the Tsar Kolokol "III" because it was cast three times, and more metal was added each time. The present bell was cast in 1733-1735 and weighs about 200 tons. However during the great fire of 1737, the bell was cracked while it still lay in its casting pit. Burning timbers from above fell into the pit and water poured on the fire caused the red-hot bronze to crack and a chunk weighing 11.5 tons broke off. In 1836 the bell which is finely worked with decorative patterns, embossed pictures, and inscriptions was placed on a granite pedestal.

Paint a 1½" wooden circle with gold paint. After paint is dry, using an ultra fine point black marker, write "Jingle Bells" across the top of the circle. Let dry. Using 1/8" red ribbon, cut a piece about 8" long and tie it into a bow. Trim excess and glue to top edge of bell. Also cut three pieces of ribbon (4" each) and string each ribbon through a small jingle bell. Fold in half and glue to the back of the wooden circle. Using a fine point black marker, draw an x and put a circle on the end of each tip. Let dry. Glue a pin on the back of your Jingle Bell and you are done!

Meet Roland...

An inscription upon a famous town bell in Germany reads: "My name is Roland; When I toll there is fire, and when I ring there is victory in the land."

North Pole

word find

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Dasher
Donner
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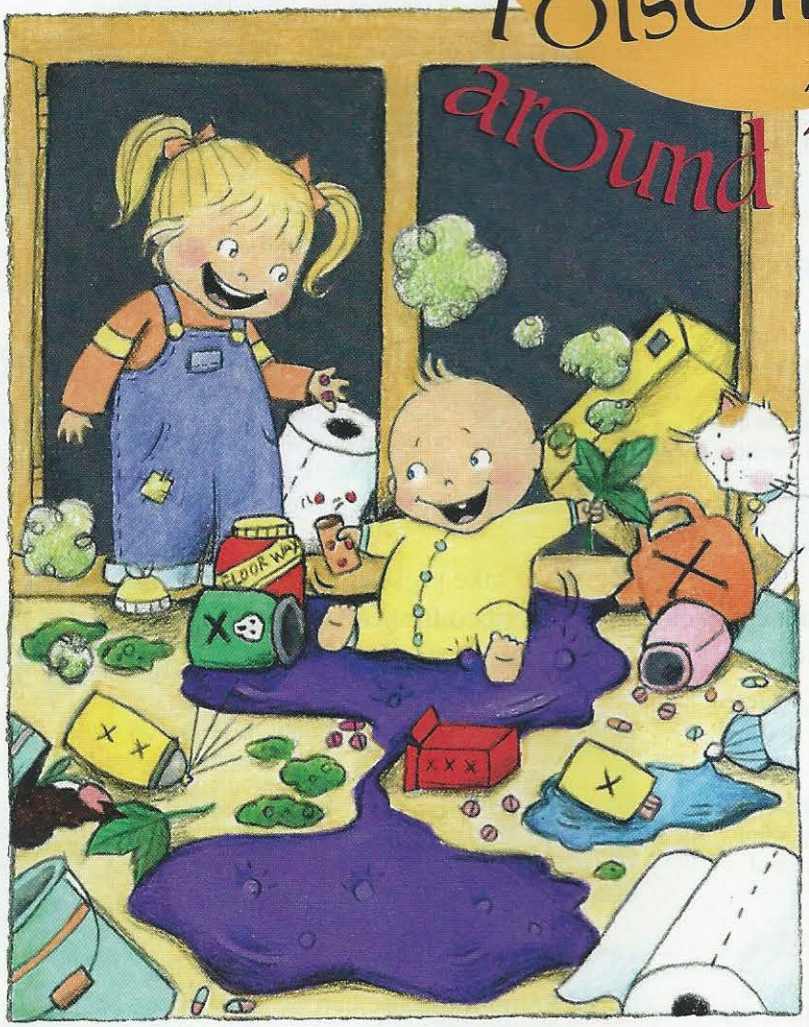
Safety Zone

You always want to be *Safe*. We'll tell you how to keep yourself and others out of harm's way.

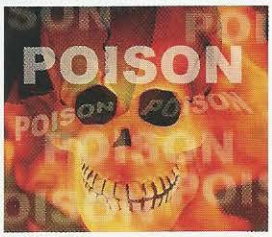
Poisons around the house

Information provided courtesy of the American Red Cross



Thousands of people are poisoned each year, most of them children. Most often, these poisonings could have been prevented by following a few simple rules and taking some precautions. Read through this section and find out how to keep your home and family safe. Once you learn how, you can take your family on a poison prevention parade through your home and make it a safer place.

Identifying unsafe products, marking and moving products to secure areas, throwing out unnecessary and outdated products and using products and medicines only as directed will put you and your family on a poison-free path.



Kids 5 and under are most at risk for being poisoned. That's because they don't know what's bad and what's not...and because they explore new things by putting them in their mouth. If you have small children in your house, get on your hands and knees and take a look around the house from their point of view. See what dangers are lurking at their level.

Read through the poison prevention tips, then see how much you learned by doing the activities on the following pages.

How To Prevent Poisoning

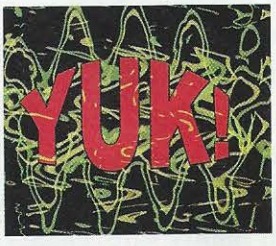
1. Always supervise children closely, especially in areas where poisons are most common: kitchens, bathrooms, garages.

Remember, small children don't understand the difference in products. They may think a bottle of pine cleaner is apple juice. Make sure all dangerous products are out of reach.

2. Keep all medications and household products locked away, well out of reach of children.

3. Install special clamps to keep children from opening cabinets.

4. Remember ALL household or drugstore products may be harmful.



For example, did you know toothpaste can be harmful if eaten by a small child because of the fluoride in it? (Don't worry if you swallow a little when you're brushing your teeth. Just don't eat a big gob of it regularly!)

5. Use childproof safety caps on containers of medication and other dangerous products.

6. Never call medicine "candy" even if it might taste like it.

Chewable vitamins, especially ones with Iron, taste yummy and are a leading cause of poisoning for kids!

7. Keep products in their original containers with the labels in place.

8. ALWAYS read the label.

Many adults are poisoned by accident because they don't take time to read the warnings on dangerous products or follow recommended safety precautions.

9. Use poison symbols to identify dangerous substances and teach children what they mean.

10. Get rid of unnecessary and outdated products as recommended. Pour old medicines in the toilet.

11. When adults are using chemicals or dangerous products, stay away. Remind them to read the labels carefully and use in a well-ventilated area (this means to have lots of fresh air coming in and going out).

12. Unless the label says "non-toxic", put it out of reach of children. Cosmetics and personal care products are number one in poisoning children.

People often forget that common products can be just as dangerous as cleaning products. Poisonous products like nail polish remover, perfumes and hair dyes need to be kept out of children's reach too.

13. Never take prescription medicine unless it was prescribed for you.

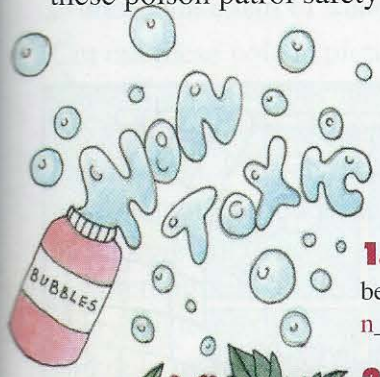
14. Don't take medicines in the dark.

When you wake up in the night coughing, make sure your mom turns on the light when she's giving you cough syrup so you don't end up drinking nail polish remover by mistake!

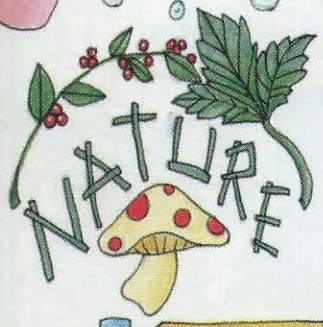
15. Plants, berries, mushrooms and other items found in nature can be poisonous. Make sure it's safe before you taste.

Poison Patrol

Using the pictures as clues, and what you read on the previous page, find the words to complete these poison patrol safety rules.



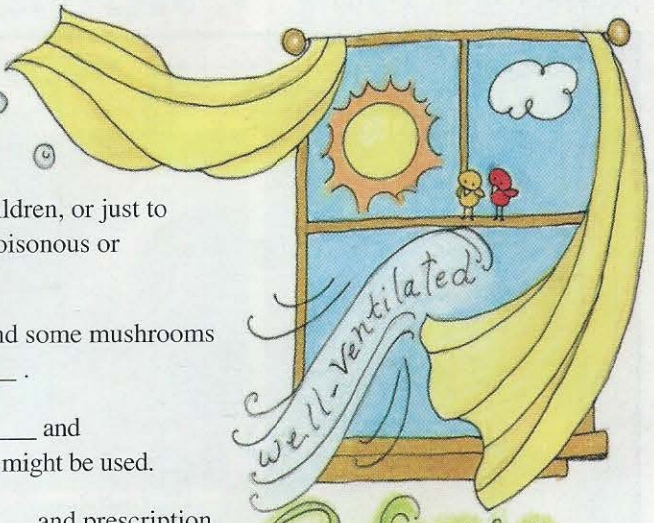
1. Because they are used mostly by children, or just to be safe, some products are made non-poisonous or n_____.



2. Poison ivy, poison oak, mistletoe and some mushrooms are poisons found in n_____.

3. To do laundry, b_____ and d_____ (which are poisons) might be used.

4. v_____, a_____ and prescription m_____ can be a poison if they are taken in the wrong amount.



5. Petroleum products like g_____ are poisons.

6. B_____ and r_____ killers are dangerous poisons whether they are sprays, liquids, or powder.

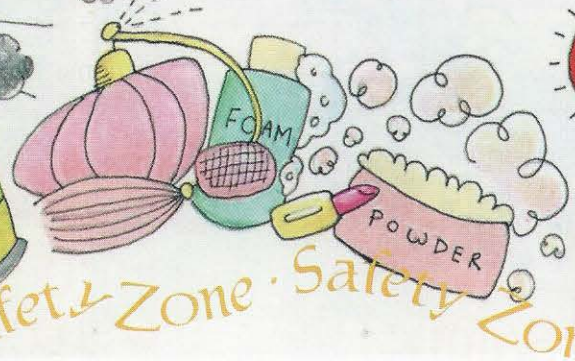
7. Drain c_____ is a poison.

8. Makeup, p_____, and aftershave contain alcohol, which make them poisonous.

9. Most p_____ happen to children 5 years old and younger.

10. Strong chemicals and dangerous products should be used in a w_____ area.

11. There are several ways you can be poisoned— eating a dangerous product, breathing in f_____ or absorbing a poison through your skin.



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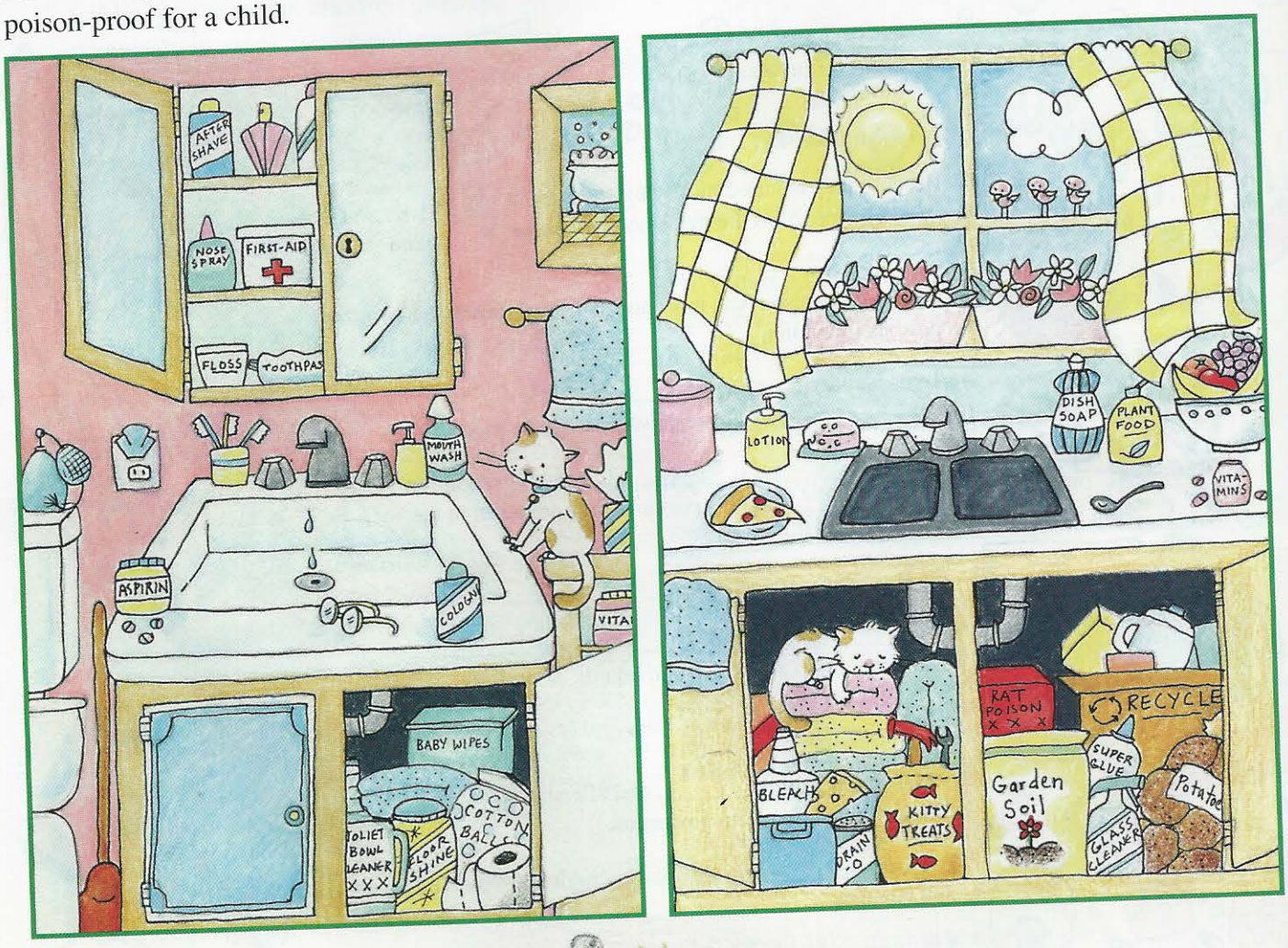
Poisonings most often occur in Kitchens & Bathrooms.

Look at the pictures below and circle the items that need to be moved to a safer place to make the room poison-proof for a child.



If Someone is Poisoned follow these steps

1. Check the scene.
   Check the person.
2. Call for help.
3. Give care.

Call 9-1-1

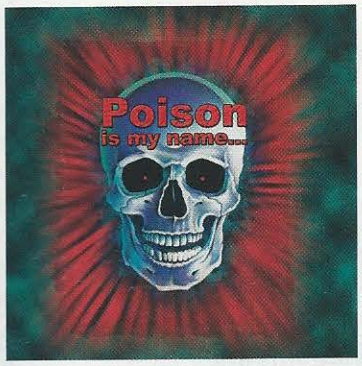
(or the local emergency number) or the poison control center.

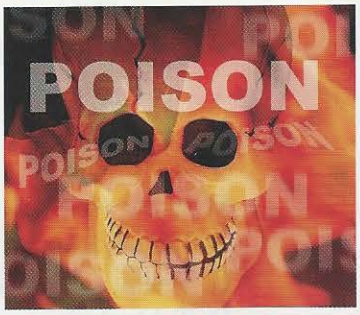
Take the label or container to the phone.

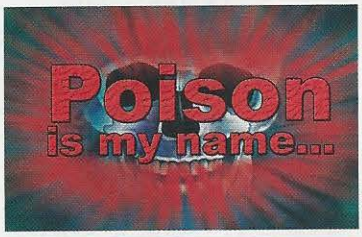
Follow the advice given to you.

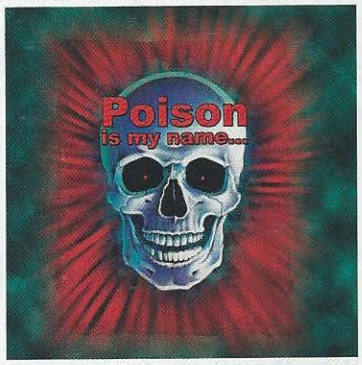
Make Poison Control Stickers

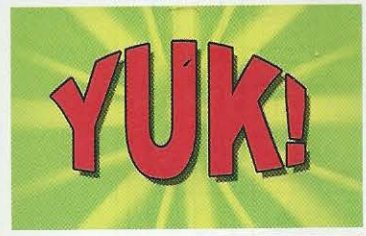
Cut out these poison pictures and run them through a sticker machine to create stickers. Or, put them on a sticker sheet (available at craft stores). Put your poison control stickers on poisonous products around your house. Make sure not to cover up warnings or instructions with the labels. These will remind everyone to use these products very carefully, and only under adult supervision.

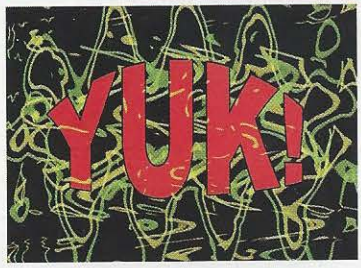


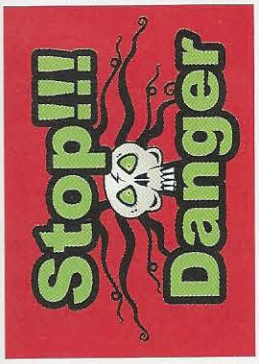


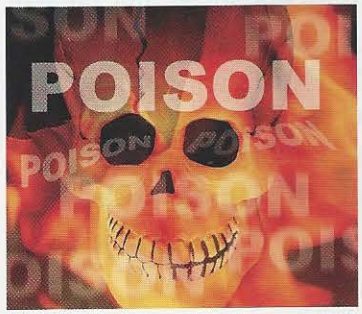












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Have a holly jolly holiday!

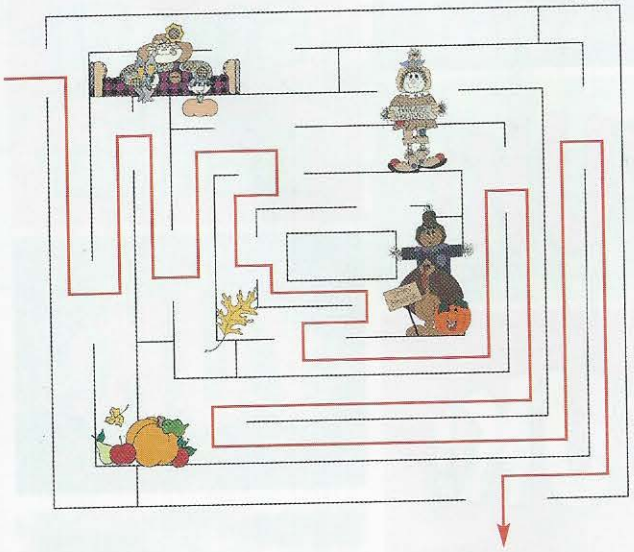
Thanksgiving Matchup · Pg 7

C & E

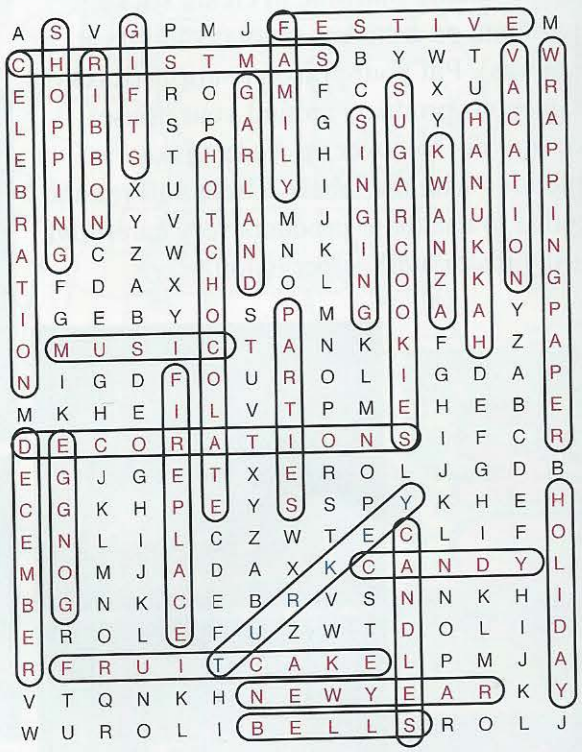
Why the others don't match:

A. Grandfather's hair.
B. Young couple's hair color
D. Tablecloth
F. Plates & silverware missing
G. Boy missing

The Maze Game · Pg 9



Holiday Word Find · Pg 12



Snowman Matchup · Pg 18

D & F

Why the others don't match:

A. Book color.
B. Extra star on snowman.
C. Missing star buttons.
E. Different buttons.
G. Missing star in sky.

Cold Critter Quiz · Pg 21

1. B
2. B
3. C — King penguins (often confused with Emperor penguins) are found in the colder regions.
4. C — Mainly just the female bears go into a den to give birth to the cubs during the winter.
5. C — Polar bears swim about 6 mph, penguins 10-25 mph.
6. C — Countries where you can find polar bears: USA (in Alaska), Norway, Canada, Greenland, Svalbard Islands and Siberia.
7. B — A is false. They only appear white. Their fur is actually hollow and transparent.

Candy Cane Game · Pg 28

Choirmaster
August
Nice
Dewey
Yummy
Cocoa
Ache
Nativity
Everybody

Holiday Matchup · Pg 32

C & G

Why the others don't match:
A. Green cookie.
B. Light color.
D. Yellow candle holder.
E. Blue heart.
F. Stocking color.

Winter Forest Crossword · Pg 36

Across

3. Deer
5. Snow
7. Tree
8. Wind
9. Cardinal

Down

1. Reindeer
2. Crow
4. Woods
6. Animal
10. Ice

Fill in the Answer Pg 44

1. Inn
2. Inch
3. Input
4. Indent
5. Indiana
6. Industry
7. Infection
8. Instructor

Burman's Brain Benders Pg 50

Apple Picking

Stan picked 10.
Cory picked 12.
Susie picked 14.

Letter Elimination

Brainy

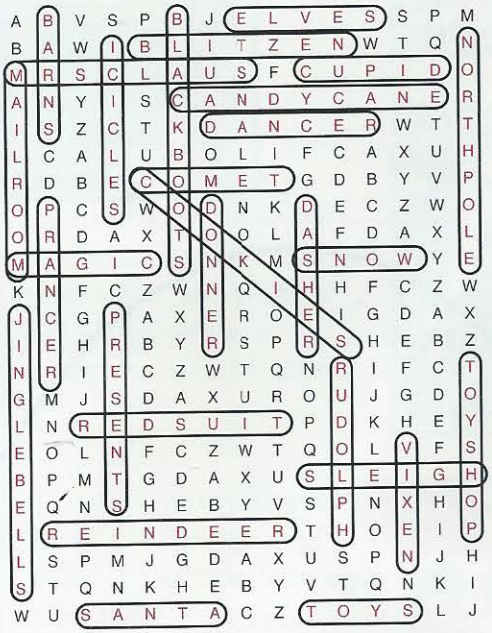
Common Ground

1. A Mouth
2. Teeth
3. A Tongue

Cats & Dogs

Jennifer has 1 cat and 1 dog.

North Pole Word Find · Pg 58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Poison Patrol · Pg 61

1. Non-Toxic
2. Nature
3. Bleach, detergent
4. Vitamins, aspirin, medicine
5. Gasoline
6. Bug, rat
7. Cleaner
8. Perfume
9. Poisonings
10. Well-ventilated
11. Fumes

More Answers

Poison Proof Rooms · Pg 62

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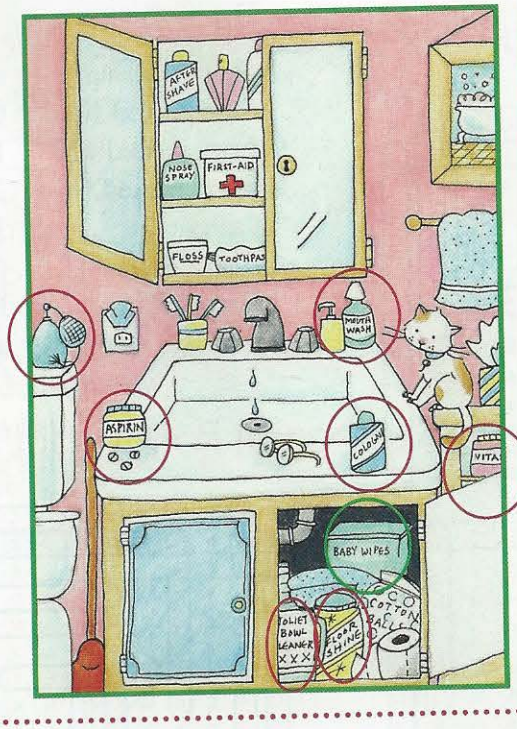

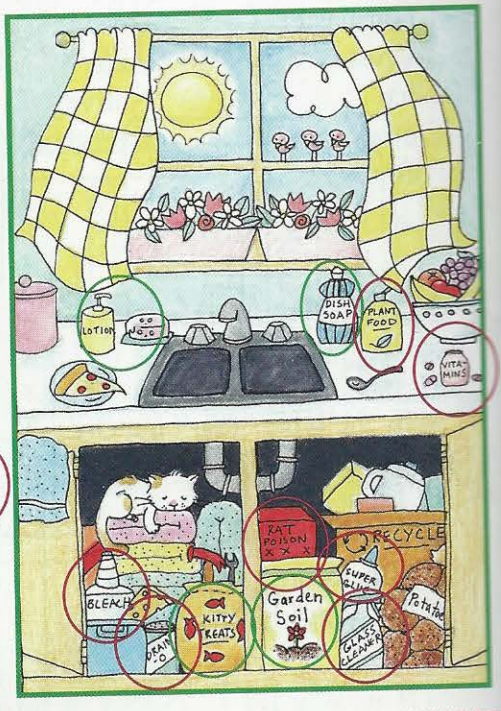

Pattern for Snowman Stocking for page 31

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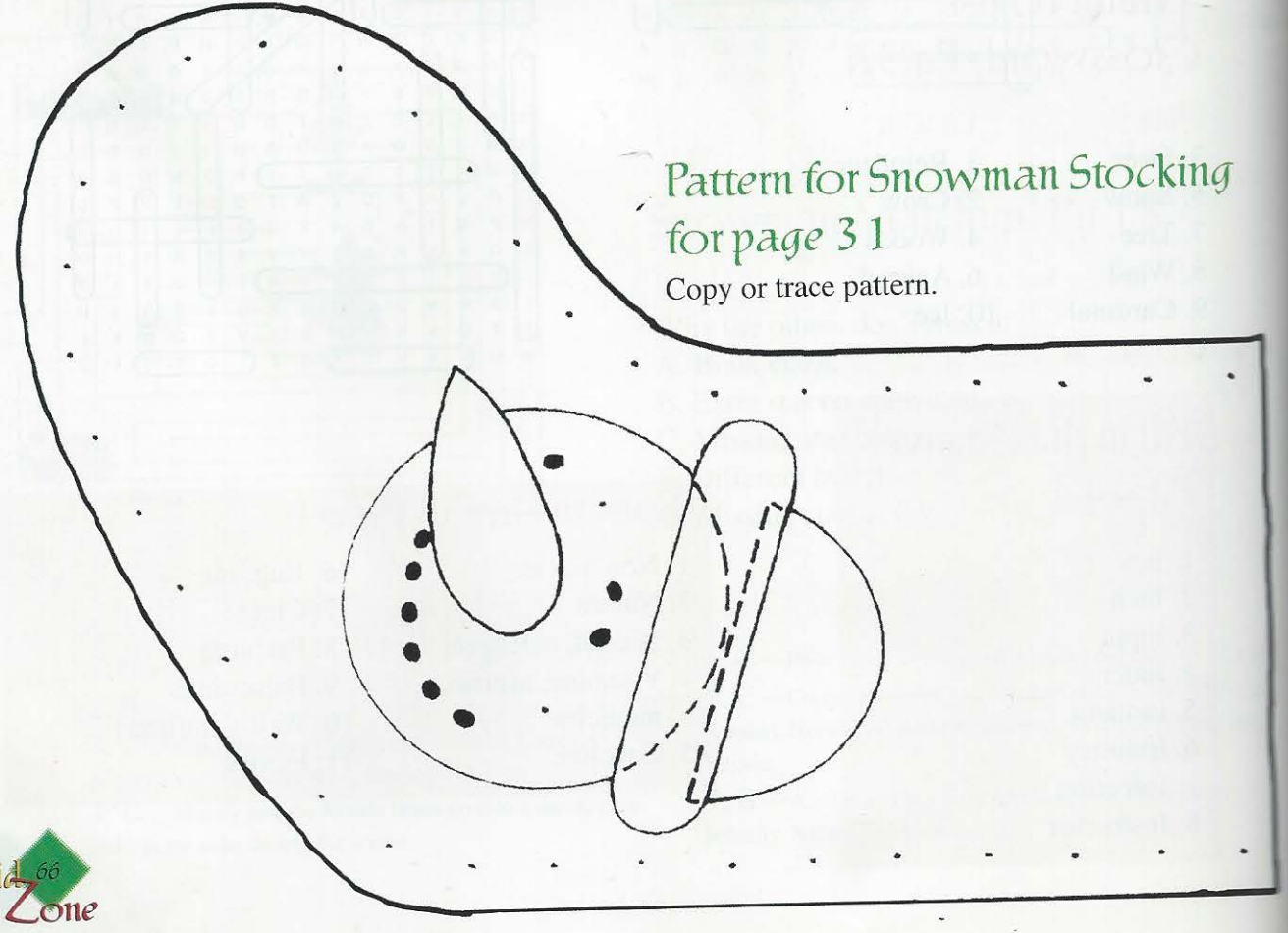

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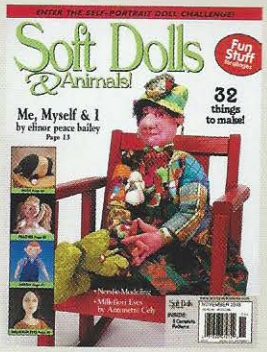

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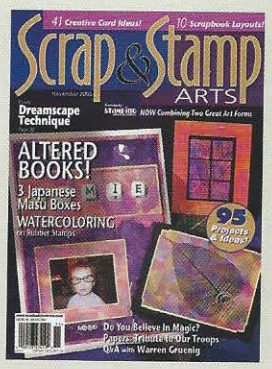

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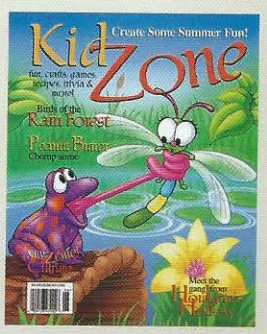

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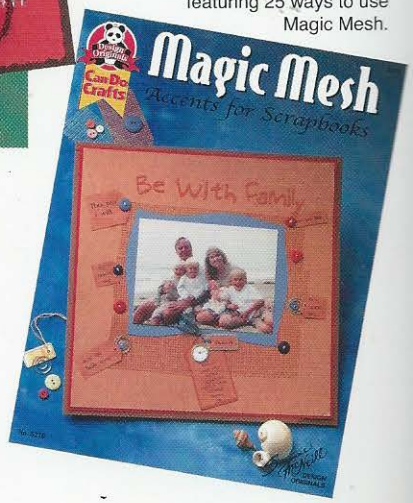

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